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Pledge by citizens of the Black Country

NOT only can the country's newest official citizens now call themselves British but they can also consider themselves proper Black Country folk as well.

For the first time the Black Country flag and its new anthem have been incorporated into a regular citizenship ceremony held in the region.

Twenty people from countries as far a field as America, Jamaica, Pakistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe, were granted their official British citizenship at the ceremony with a Black Country twist at Dudley's Priory Hall.

They pledged an oath to Queen and country, sang the national anthem and signed the official register while the regional flag was installed alongside the Union Jack and St George's cross.

The Black Country anthem I Vow To Thee Black Country by folk band The Empty Can, was also played during the handover of their certificates.

The song was declared the area's official anthem in the run up to the Black Country Day on July 14. It is being released and proceeds will go towards Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice.

Superintendent registrar for Dudley Council Penny Fulford conducts around 15 citizenship ceremonies a year.

Man dies of stab wounds

A MAN aged 50 has died from stab wounds he inflicted upon himself at a house in Moxley.

He was rushed to hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning after police received reports of self-harming at an address in Thorneycroft Road.

Police spokesman Brigg Ford said: "The man was later pronounced dead in hospital. A post-mortem confirmed he had died from self-inflicted stab wounds."

SCARLET FEVER IS ON THE RISE

Report by Marion Brennan

CASES of scarlet fever are continuing to soar and are prompting health bosses to renew a warnings to parents. The Black Country has had at least 98 cases reported since September.

Rates nationwide have reached their highest levels for more than 30 years. In Dudley there were 16 cases, double the number of last year.

Wolverhampton has experienced an even bigger rise with 57 cases, compared to just four in the city last year. Sandwell had nine cases has compared to four and there were 16 in Walsall borough compared to its total of six last year.

More homes being built across region

THE number of large housing estates being built in the region has gone up by a quarter since a shake-up of planning rules, new figures revealed today.

Figures show councils across nine boroughs and districts approved 33 more large-scale housing estates — those with at least 10 homes — in 2013 than in 2011.

It comes following the relaxation of the planning laws and amid calls for an urgent review of green belt rules to allow more homes to be built in rural areas.

Sandwell has seen the biggest increase in large-scale housing estates with the borough council approving 34 in 2013 compared with 21 two years earlier. Dudley saw numbers rise from 11 to 17. In South Staffordshire the increase was from two to four.

More homes are on the way. More than 100 homes have been provided at Dudley's Friars Gate, off Priory Road, with some residents using the Government's Help to Buy scheme. Communities secretary Eric Pickles visited the new estate last month.

One recent site, subject of a further application, is for the former Springfield and Brickhouse neighbourhood office in Rowley Regis, which is going to be demolished and replaced with housing.

There have been 116 cases in Staffordshire which prompted the county's public health boss Mark Sutton, Staffordshire County Council's public health boss to say: "We are asking parents to remain vigilant for signs and to contact their GP if they are concerned their child may have scarlet fever. Although scarlet fever was once a serious illness the good news is that these days it can usually be treated effectively with antibiotics."

Symptoms include the characteristic pink-red rash, sore throat, fever and headache and is most common in children under the age of eight, although adults can also develop the fever.

Impact

Efforts are continuing to find out why the number of cases of scarlet fever have increased so alarmingly. More recent figures suggested a possible decline in the rate of the increase but health chiefs say they have to assess the impact of children returning to school after the Easter break.

The alert was first raised in early April when the number of reported cases regionally stood at 255, compared to 98 at the same time last year. Investigations continue across the UK to assess whether a new strain may have emerged.

Bosses at Public Health England (PHE) said that figures showed that cases tended to spike around every four years. It is not known why. Schools and nurseries are being urged to follow hand hygiene practice as part of daily routines for pupils and staff. They are urged to alert health protection teams if an outbreak is suspected.

Children and adults are being reminded to cover their mouths and noses with a tissue when they cough and sneeze.

Feeling the tug of tradition



Steve Bingham from the Dudley Canal Trust on board a working tug boat at the museum

HAULING up to 100 tons of coal-filled boats, it would take a crew of half a dozen men up to 10 hours to steer their tug boat from the mines of Cannock to the furnaces in the Black Country.

Travelling at a steady speed of one mile an hour, the journey was a long and painstaking one, especially when taking on the many ladders of locks the men would laboriously have to overcome. These days

boats seen on the canals are for pleasure but visitors to the Black Country Living Museum got an insight into the history of the waterways at a tug boat gathering over the weekend.

A total of 12 tug boats from as far as London and Oxford arrived along the canal arm to the museum, along with eight carrier boats, for the event. A traditional Maypole dance was also held during the event.

MP joins rebel vote against HS2 plan

CONTROVERSIAL Birmingham to London rail project HS2 will go ahead — despite opposition from rebel Tories including Dudley South MP Chris Kelly.

Work on the first phase of the £50 billion scheme, including new stations in Birmingham's Curzon Street and beside Birmingham Airport, will start in 2017.

The project was pushed through by a vote in the House of Commons, despite 41 MPs voting against it.

Among the rebels was Dudley South Tory Chris Kelly. His fellow Conservative MPs Margot James, who represents Stourbridge, and James Morris, Halesowen and Rowley Regis voted in favour, as did Labour MP for Dudley North Ian Austin.

Supporters say the line promises thousands of jobs and will cut the journey between London and Birmingham to 49 minutes.

Mr Kelly said: "To get from any part of the Black Country to the new HS2 station in Birmingham during the day will, optimistically, take at least an hour by car, more like 90 minutes in the usual levels of traffic, or longer by public transport. That's before the high speed train has left the station. Current Sandwell and Dudley to London Euston services will be reduced and journey times extended."

Chain in talks over new store

A CLOTHING chain is in talks to launch a new store at a Stourbridge shopping precinct as 'significant' investment in the centre continues.

Bosses from the Ryemarket Shopping Centre have confirmed meetings were taking place with a national retailer interested in taking on units at the mall.

But they refused to confirm the identity of the chain saying that negotiations were 'only in the early stages'.

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No evidence for school knife claims

A HEADTEACHER said there was no evidence that a pupil had taken a knife into school after the allegation prompted worried parents to take their children out of lessons.

Around 20 parents took their children out of Hurst Hill Primary School in Coseley last Thursday and some did the same on Friday, saying they were in support of another parent who did not feel she had re-

ceived enough information from the school over the issue.

The knife claim has been strongly denied after worried pupils gathered outside the school.

Reassure

Headteacher Caroline Dingle said: "A number of parents withdrew their children... due to allegations made about incidents at

school. I would like to reassure parents that the allegations are totally without evidence.

"I would also like to remind parents that they have a legal duty to send their children to school."

Karl Stevens, aged 45, of Hurst Hill, was one of those who took his seven-year-old daughter out of lessons.

He said: "I was told by another

parent that a pupil had brought in a knife. We came to school and wanted answers."

He added: "The head and chair of governors have denied that it happened but we are not satisfied with their answer."

Inspector Julie Mason, based at Dudley Police Station, said police had investigated but found no evidence to support the knife claims.

Crowds flock to zoo during a busy Easter

VISITOR numbers at Dudley Zoo have topped 73,000 so far this year, delighted bosses have announced.

There have been an extra 22,000 people though the gates between January and the end of April, compared with the same period in 2013.

Chief executive Peter Suddock said the attraction's success was partly down to increased investment in the site and new arrivals in the animal collections had also encouraged more visitors. These include eight-week-old male Rothschild's giraffe, Kito.

The boost follows one of its best Aprils for decades at the zoo with a 39,000 visitors being welcomed to the site during the month.

Officer in fatal crash faces trial

A POLICE driver who was responding to an emergency call-out when his unmarked car killed a student on a pedestrian crossing will stand trial next year.

Pc Vaughan Lowe, of Stourbridge, pleaded not guilty at Warwick Crown Court to causing the death of 24-year-old Birmingham City University student Zhang Xuan Wei by careless driving.

The hearing was adjourned for trial and Pc Lowe, aged 42, was granted unconditional bail.

The charge follows the collision on April 5, 2012, as Pc Lowe, then based at the West Midlands Police traffic unit in Aston, and a colleague responded to reports of a stolen car.

A date was identified in November for trial but Pc Lowe's solicitor said he would not be available at that time an alternative date was available on January 5 next year. Judge Richard Griffith-Jones adjourned the case for trial.

Zhang, who was studying for a master's degree in data networks and security, was described as 'an exemplary student' and Birmingham City University has set up a prize in his honour.

Incredible

Mr Suddock said: "It's been an incredible period and one of our best Easter for years with record numbers of 4,266 on Good Friday and 27,000 throughout the 10-day holiday break.

"We are delighted with the numbers and believe it's due to continual investment across site, a boost in the animal collection, daily interactive social media campaigns and a brilliant and committed workforce, plus fantastic supporters, which all combine to make for a great day out."

Visitors have also been able to use a new access road and car park, off Tipton Road, which the zoo says makes it so much easier to access the site.

The zoo has also been boosted by the newly-restored Tecton structures at the entrance and Safari Shop.

Cash for the work has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the zoo's own coffers.

Mr Suddock said: "I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support."

Nostalgia at school reunion



Members of the class of 76 — Alan Scott, Sarah Cox, Jacqui Howells and Clair Phillips

FORMER pupils of a school in Kingswinford are being invited to a night of 1970s nostalgia with old school mates.

Four friends from Crestwood School in Bromley Lane have organised a reunion of former classmates who are celebrating their 50th birthdays.

The event is the brainchild of 49-year-old Alan Scott who along with friends Sarah Cox, Jacqui Howells and Stuart Feraday set up a Facebook page and decided to hold the reunion. So far they have managed to contact 100 former pupils.

Mr Scott said: "When I retired as a police officer I had a lot of old school mates who said that I had too much time on my hands and I should organise a reunion. I went online and found some of my old friends.

"With most people having celebrated or about to celebrate their fiftieth birthday it just seemed the right time."

The reunion is at Himley House on June 21 from 8pm. Tickets cost £15.

Contact classeoff76@outlook.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/539139589469530.

The beady eyes turn to glass museum

AN annual 'Beads Day' is returning to the Black Country for its tenth year this weekend.

Broadfield House Glass Museum is hosting the popular free admission event on Saturday.

It features stalls selling handmade beads and complete jewellery, as well as demonstrations in bead craft.

Artists

To celebrate its tenth year, the museum is staging A String of Beads, an exhibition featuring beads made by artists from across the UK, accompanied by a full-colour catalogue of the same name.

The catalogue, written by bead maker Pauline Holt and sponsored by the Friends of Broadfield House Glass Museum, is a light-hearted look at modern bead making in the UK as well as featuring images and artists details from the exhibition.

The day runs from 10am to 4pm and admission is free. Refreshments will be available.

Demonstrations will be carried out by Pauline Holt of Jazzy Lily beads, Barbara Mason from StudioB and Marlene Minhas from Glassygear.

Touring car to tennis court

RACING driver Matt Neal will swap his steering wheel for a racket when he takes part in a charity tennis match later month.

The 47-year-old former British Touring Car champion will play at Stourbridge Lawn Tennis and Squash Club's fun day and barbeque on May 17, from 10am to 4pm.

Neal will team up with head coach Les Davis to take on his own agent and club assistant coach Kirk Woodall. Neal will also bring along his Honda Civic racing car to the event in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice.

Race and potato

A THEATRE group is holding a race night fundraiser.

It will be hosted by Quarry Bank Musical Theatre Society at Quarry Bank Community Centre on Saturday from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 children including a jacket potato. Call Julia on 07948394579.

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Song will celebrate the Black Country

A SONG celebrating the pride of the Black Country will be released on May 27.

The Empty Can are looking to break into the charts with their charity song I Vow to Thee Black Country.

It has been named as the area's official anthem as the countdown to national Black Country Day on July 14 continues.

The song, a Black Country version of the patriotic classic, I Vow to Thee My Country, is available to pre-order this month ahead of its official release date.

All money raised through sales of the single, which can be purchased for just 99p, will go to Compton Hospice. The charity has been chosen in dedication to Steve Evans, a former Wolverhampton City Council worker, magician, comedian and keen fisherman, who died in January aged just 52, following a two-year battle with stomach cancer.

The original song, I Vow to Thee My Country, dates back to 1921 when a poem by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice was set to music by Gustav Holst.

People can email blackcountryday@hotmail.co.uk to join the mailing list to receive email notification when the song is available.

Waste inquiry is extended

A PLANNING inquiry on the fate of a waste plant planned for Brierley Hill has been extended.

The hearing to be held by the Planning Inspectorate on Clean Power Properties' proposal for the plant off Moor Lane had been scheduled to take place from June 17 for four days.

Now, on appointing Mike Robins as inspector, the Government body says the inquiry at Dudley Council House will last at least a week. After Dudley Council refused the firm's proposal last year, the company appealed and a public inquiry has been set up to decide.

Sailing taster

A FREE sailing taster is being held on May 17 by Himley Hall Sailing Club at Himley Park in the Royal Yachting Association's Push Your Boat Out Weekend. Call Tony Sutton 07774 818449, email sutton.tony@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.himleyhalls.org.uk

Readers get chance to meet the authors



Author Sathnam Sanghera

A FORTNIGHT of activities has been planned at a series of libraries to celebrate all that is great about books. The Big Book Fortnight will start on Saturday.

There will be several author talks in Dudley borough including an evening with journalist and author Sathnam Sanghera. He will be giving a talk at Halesowen Library on May 16 from 7.15pm.

Originally from Wolverhampton, he has written two books, 'The Boy with the Topknot: A Memoir

of Love, Secrets and Lies in Wolverhampton' which was shortlisted for 2008 Costa Biography Award. His novel 'Marriage Material' looks at the lives of a Sikh family who run a Wolverhampton corner shop. Admission is £3. Book on (01384) 812980.

For children and families, Stourbridge Library will welcome author and illustrator Jo Hodgkinson on Saturday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. A graduate of the University of Wolverhampton, she has written and il-

lustrated picture books for children. Netherton Library will welcome Dudley-born author Michael Taylor on May 15 from 11am to 12.30pm. People will be able to meet the author who sets his books in the Black Country.

Director of community services on Dudley Council Andrea Pope-Smith said: "Together as Black Country authorities we have been celebrating Big Book Fortnight for 10 years. This is a great way to celebrate our local talent and give readers the

chance to meet with the authors of books they love to read. I would encourage people to come along and enjoy Big Book Fortnight."

There will also be a readers' afternoon on May 17 from 1pm at the new Archives and Local History centre in Tipton Road. The event co-ordinated by West Midlands Readers' Network will give an opportunity to meet authors and find out what's on offer at the new centre. For more information see www.dudley.gov.uk/libraries.

Plumber sent to prison for ripping off customers

A PLUMBER who conned thousands of pounds customers by overcharging them has been jailed for 16 months.

Steven Greenaway ripped off elderly victims across the Black Country and Worcestershire while a sub-contractor for emergency call-out companies.

In five cases since 2010, he overcharged customers by £3,825 for work such as repairing leaking pipes

Woman is fined over illegal cigs

MORE than £6,000 worth of illegal cigarettes were seized by trading standards during a raid at a house in Cosely, a court was told.

Officers swooped on the home of 59-year-old Linda Clayton in February last year. They discovered 900 packets of cigarettes at the address in Pirrey Close. None had the correct safety markings and UK duty had not been paid on them.

Clayton appeared before Dudley magistrates where she pleaded guilty to two charges under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. She was fined £1,100 and ordered to pay £230 costs and £110 victim surcharge.

The cigarettes were handed over to trading standards to be destroyed.

Director of Urban Environment for Dudley Council John Millar said: "Not only do illegal cigarettes cheat the system, they can often have more harmful effects on the consumer than regular cigarettes because we have no way of knowing what is in them."

Two victims were targeted after Greenaway was convicted on two counts of fraud relating to work for a 78-year-old Oldbury man with Huntington's disease.

Sentencing the 41-year-old from Kidderminster at Wolverhampton Crown Court, Judge Michael Challenor said the age of his victims made the 13 charges of fraud he admitted even more serious. He said: "You left your victims shocked at demands and feeling foolish and dismayed that they had been deceived."

Greenaway had 'seriously overcharged' for work which was sometimes inadequately carried out or not needed.

Greenaway, of Marpool Lane, pleaded not to be jailed, saying imprisonment would be 'hard' for his family. But prosecutor Mark Jackson described Greenaway as a 'convicted confidence fraudster'.

A woman from Cradley Heath was charged £1,527 to fix leaks and install a new toilet system but the toilet still does not work. Her insurance company would only pay £200. Another victim, from Halesowen, was charged £787 to repair a downstairs toilet. Some of the work was not needed.

Judge Challenor took into account three offences relating to work for an 81-year-old widow, from Dudley.

The case was brought by Sandwell Council trading standards.

Students pull together for museum



Chain of events — Dudley College students prepare for their performances at the Black Country Living Museum

STUDENTS are pulling together to tell the history of the Black Country under the stars.

Dramatic performances, light shows and dance will dazzle visitors attending the Black Country Living Museum's Red By Night event next Saturday, May 17.

The Tipton Road museum has linked up with Dudley College students for the project as part of the annual Museums at Night festival which opens up attractions in the evening.

The students have selected the museum's usually unoccupied settings Trapshop, Blacksmith House, Anchor Forge and Lench's Oliver Shop to house unique performances.

Student Josh Chell, aged 19, from West Bromwich, is working on a performance that highlights the conflict between factory owners and teachers over the use of child labour.

"Usually we're given a script, which we learn and then perform, but developing our own performance for the

Red by Night event has been a fantastic opportunity for us," he said.

Performing arts student Chelsea Young, 17, from Dudley, added: "We've already performed a couple of times at the museum, so when we were given the chance to use areas of the museum that the public don't normally get access to we were really excited."

Tickets for Red by Night are available in advance only on www.bclm.co.uk/bookings or by calling 0121 520 8054.

NEWS in brief

Character theme at St Peter's fair

A CHURCH is hosting a spring fair themed on story book characters next weekend.

St Peter's Church, in Kent Street, Upper Gornal, is holding the fundraising fair on Saturday, May 17.

It will feature a range of stalls including a tombola, books and a traditional bric-a-brac stall.

Stallholders will be getting in on the fun by wearing fancy dress during the event.

The fair will be open from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Cricket veterans share insights

CRICKET fans can take a stroll down memory lane just a short distance from Warwickshire County Cricket Ground when veteran broadcasters Henry Blofeld and Peter Baxter share their Test Match memories at Birmingham MAC.

Insights on England's recent ill-fated Ashes Tour will also feature when the duo speak their minds at the Edgbaston arts centre, in Cannon Hill Park, on June 25. See www.macarts.co.uk or call 0121 446 3232.

Choral concert and all that jazz

A MALE choir bring a touch of jazz to their spring concert this weekend.

Warley Male Choir will be taking to the stage in Halesowen on Saturday at the Cornbow Hall in the town centre. The choir will be supported by jazz musicians the Ralph Allin Trio. Tickets are £8 on the door, open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Call 0121 552 4113 or visit the website www.warleymalechoir.co.uk

Theatre group seeking recruits

A NEW amateur dramatics company aimed at helping young people learn theatre skills has started in the Black Country.

Charity Arts based in Tipton is planning a Christmas production of Cinderella. The group meets every Wednesday night at the Brook Street centre. Call Sam on 07884192233 or Emma on 07445020556

Canal help needed

THE Coombeswood Canal Trust is looking for people to help remove rubbish from the Dudley Number Two Canal. The group is using its boat Ringo for improvement work. See www.hawnebasin.org.uk

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It was here in 1982 that a little-known film director, Bill Forsyth, brought together a small team of actors and one global superstar, Burt Lancaster, to make a movie which made the whole world smile.

On paper, Local Hero is simply a story of a Texas oil company trying to turn a little Scottish bay into the petro-chemical capital of Europe, without bargaining on some canny locals and one stubborn old hermit (Fulton Mackay) who claims he owns the beach. But it actually goes much deeper. Local Hero is a film about values, weighing the world-conquering dollar against the simple pleasures of a quiet life.

The young oil executives sent to clinch the deal, McIntyre (Peter Riegert) and Oldsen (Peter Capaldi), quickly go native. First their ties disappear, then the smart jackets. Gathering seashells, McIntyre leaves his prized wrist-watch by a rock pool. As the tide rises you hear the alarm call, the tune of The Yellow Rose of Texas ("conference time in Houston") fading under the waves.

Forsyth set the fictional village of Furness in the real-life fishing village of Pennan, near Fraserburgh on the bleak north-east coast of Scotland. Ever since we saw the film more than 30 years ago, we promised that one day we would make the long trek to Pennan and stay at the little hotel where McIntyre, slipping into local ways, orders a 42-year-old whisky and, when he's told it's not available says: "Well give me four eight-year olds and a ten-year old."

Local Hero became part of my 40-year love affair with Scotland, an affair which has taken me from the white beaches of Benbecula to salmon fishing in Thurso, from malt-whisky tasting in Leith to the wild moors of Corrour, to the romance of the West Highland Line and the endless fascination of sailing on Loch Lomond. As the referendum on independence draws closer, it occurs to me that I have never regarded Scotland as anything other than a separate country, a place apart in culture, language, banknotes, food and attitudes.

The thing that strikes me time after time, and which seems so odd to us English, is the kinship between Scots. It's not that they all love each other but there is a quiet conviction, no matter where they meet, that to be Scottish is to belong to a very exclusive club. It is a kinship which transcends wealth and class, religion, politics, clan and even the old Highland-Lowland divide. It is based largely on the shared and bonding experience of living next door to the English. Which raises the question of what happens if and when the Scots vote for independence. What becomes of that kinship when you remove the unifying factor, the common enemy, the frightful Sassenach? Does Scotland become one proud nation? Or might it simply become ungovernable?

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AND finally in Furness, there's the immortal red telephone box. In the days before mobiles, the phone box was the only link between Mr Happer the oil magnate in Houston and his man McIntyre in Furness. It's still there, on the seafarers by the hotel, and is reputed to be the most telephoned, and possibly the most famous, phone box in the world. If you've seen the unbearably poignant ending of Local Hero, as McIntyre tries to ring Furness from his flat in Houston, you'll know why.

You've never seen Local Hero? Then do.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

College wins India education contract

DUDLEY College has clinched a £500,000 contract to provide training for 250 education leaders from India over the next two years.

Experts will teach leadership and management skills to principals at polytechnics from across India as part of the project.

College officials will visit India for a series of workshops over the next year.

There will also be a four-day visit by Indian delegates for them to shadow and observe staff from the college.

Invest

Officials said this would allow them to see its leadership and management style in action. Cash from the contract will be used to invest in staff and the college's estate.

It will build on the experiences of the college's Leadership and Management Hub, which has already provided similar training in the UK, Libya and Saudi Arabia.

Bosses said the Indian government was hoping to train hundreds of workers in the next six years.

Dudley College principal Lowell Williams said: "A growth in India's economy and its fast developing

global position has led to the India government setting a target to train 500 million workers by 2020.

"Part of this colossal challenge is to provide its college principals with the leadership skills required to manage their organisations through this time of transition.

"Further education in the UK is recognised internationally for its quality and achievements."

The new bishop gets warm welcome

THE new Bishop of Dudley has been given a 'characteristically warm welcome' by community leaders.

Rt Revd Graham Usher was consecrated into his new role by the Archbishop of Canterbury at St Paul's Cathedral last week and on Saturday, he was officially welcomed to his new diocese at St Thomas and St Luke in Dudley.

Dudley Mayor Alan Finch, Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands Paul Sabapathy CBE and Imam Hashmi Qudoos, Senior Imam at Dudley Central Mosque, were among those to greet him. He replaces the Rt Revd David Walker, who is now Bishop of Manchester.

In his sermon, Bishop Graham said: "I ask you to pray for me to be the kind of bishop that has inspired me in the past."

In a personal pilgrimage the bishop cycled and walked 32 miles to Worcester before rowing across the River Severn to the cathedral, where he was made Canon. Bishop Usher grew up in Ghana and went to school in Yorkshire. He was ordained in 1996 and started his ministry in Middlesbrough. He has been married to his GP wife Rachel for 18 years and the couple have two children.

Students in helpful roles

STUDENTS have been recognised for turning their lives around at a special awards ceremony at Saltwells Education Centre.

The City of Wolverhampton College students completed a 12-week Prince's Trust personal development programme after overcoming difficult personal circumstances. They spent two weeks transforming gardens at Nethercrest Nursing Home, Dudley. The £1,525 needed by the project was raised by sponsored events including sitting in a bath of beans at the Asda supermarket in Brierley Hill.

Shop for unit

A NEW charity shop to support the work of a hospital unit has opened its doors.

The Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund which will raise cash for the Georgina Cancer Unit at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley has opened at Unity Walk Arcade, Owen Street, Tipton.

Lenny brings reggae play to city theatre

COMEDIAN and actor Lenny Henry is returning to the West Midlands to star in a play based on a radio series he co-created.

The 55-year-old Freeman of Dudley will appear in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records from September 4 to 20 — his first role at Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

It is based on the BBC Radio 4 sitcom which Lenny co-created and starred in for four series, set in a reggae record shop at risk of re-development in Birmingham.

Lenny plays Adam, son of owner Rudy, who reluctantly moves home to look after his dad and help run the shop. It has been adapted for the stage by writer Danny Robins, who co-wrote the radio series with Lenny and Dan Tetsell.

First

Lenny said: "I have performed comedy gigs many times in Birmingham over the years but this is my first straight acting role in the city. It is also the first time I have been on stage at the Rep, which is something I am really looking forward to."

"Growing up in Dudley I would come into Birmingham every Saturday to hang-out in a record shop not too dissimilar to Rudy's, so it is a play that is very close to my heart."

Lenny first made his name on talent show New Faces and Tiwas, becoming a mainstay of TV comedy.

He co-founded Comic Relief and has established himself as a serious actor receiving huge critical acclaim for his portrayal of Shakespeare's Othello and in the West End as Troy Maxon in August Wilson's Fences.

Artistic director at Birmingham Repertory Theatre Roxana Silbert said: "We are delighted Lenny will be bringing this brilliant show about three generations of a Birmingham family back home. With Lenny's inimitable warmth and humour it promises to be an uplifting evening and I am looking to his debut here at the theatre enormously."

Rudy's Rare Records is directed by Paulette Randall and produced by Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Hackney Empire where it will run immediately after Birmingham. The production will feature an onstage reggae band.

Tickets go on sale to the general public tomorrow, visit birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

MP backs careers scheme

A PROJECT by a metal firm to provide school pupils in the Black Country with careers advice from professionals and businesses has been praised by an MP.

Iron castings manufacturer Thomas Dudley has launched Careers in the Classroom to give schools presentations from a range of potential employers. It has also set up a website. Dudley North MP Ian Austin is urging other businesses to get involved. He said: "The great thing about Careers in the Classroom is that students get to see local people talking about their jobs, showing them the career they want is within reach."

Girls in rhythm for England



Gymnasts for England, from left, Phoebe McDonald, Livia Harcan, Fran Barker and Daisie Burk

A TALENTED group of young gymnasts are jumping for joy at the prospect of taking part in an international competition.

Five youngsters from Elena Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in Oldbury were reaping the rewards of months of hard work by taking part in a competition in Romania last weekend.

Phoebe McDonald, aged nine, Daisie Burke, 10, Alisa Asar, 13, Fran Barker, 10 and Maria Savvides, 12 were individually competing for England against competitors

from Bulgaria, Russia, Israel and Romania at the international rhythmic gymnastics contest. The youngsters are from Dudley and Oldbury areas.

Coach Sarah Smith set up the club in Wellington Street in 2004, having competed as a gymnast herself. She said: "For these girls it's a life commitment they practice here six times a week and spend can spend anywhere from 20 to 25 hours rehearsing."

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Restoring manor is linked to 14 homes

PLANS to breathe new life into the servants' quarters of a historic Black Country mansion has been approved.

Wordsley Manor's 'east wing', which used to house the lower kitchens, maids' bedrooms, wash house and a brewery, will be restored. It comes after the Grade II building's owner Christopher Firmstone sold off part of the grounds for housing to raise £400,000 for renovations.

Fourteen homes are being built on the land, off Meadowfields Close in Wordsley.

Permission for the new properties was on condition that developers Selbourne Homes carried out restoration work on the three-storey Wordsley Manor, built in 1727. Erection and listed building consent to restore the two-storey section of the east wing has now been approved by council officers.

Selbourne Homes' application says that both east and west wings are 'dilapidated and in a dangerous state of repair'. The east wing used to house servants' quarters while the west wing contained coach house, stables, tack room and forge, with saddlery above. Mr Firmstone's family has lived at the Grade II listed red brick building for more than 160 years.

Poison Boy top for teens

A SCHEME encouraging young people to read is entering its third year.

The Dudley Teen Book Award gives youngsters from the borough the chance to vote for their favourite authors.

This year 255 youngsters voted online and through their schools with Fletcher Moss chosen top author for his book Poison Boy.

Dudley librarian Donna Taylor said "We are very proud of the success the award has had in reinvigorating a love of reading in the young, and we hope it continues."

Music in pipes line

A PIPE band is looking to drum up support for new members.

The Wolverhampton Pipe Band won its first contest in Scotland last year and holds practice sessions in Wednesday on Tuesday nights. Visit www.wolvespb.org.uk for further information

Wife of drug baron kicked out of nursing



Struck off – former nurse Luan Anslow

THE wife of Black Country drugs lord John Anslow has been struck off the nursing register after laundering cash for her husband.

Luan Anslow stashed some of the proceeds from her husband John's drug dealing operation in her bank account, a hearing was told. The nurse, who worked in the emergency department at Russells Hall Hospital, spent £28,000 on cars.

John Anslow became Britain's most wanted man when he escaped from a prison van in January 2012 and fled to northern Cyprus. The 33-year-old, from Tipton, is currently serving a combined 29-year sen-

tence – 22 years for conspiracy to supply cocaine and cannabis and seven years and two months for his violent prison escape.

His wife was convicted of transferring and concealing criminal property last May at Wolverhampton Crown Court and sentenced to 18 months' jail suspended for two years. She was also ordered to carry out 220 hours of unpaid work and to pay £27,999 or risk a year in jail.

A hearing of the Nursing and Midwifery Council in London, which Anslow did not attend, saw the former nurse kicked out of the profession due to her criminal past. The

allegation was that her fitness to practice was impaired because of her conviction. Her representative Alexander Dos Santos said she regretted the actions which led to her conviction.

But panel chairman Lucinda Barnett said: "Mrs Anslow had involved herself, and benefited from, an illegal enterprise relating to money obtained by drug trafficking. She had clearly disregarded the law and therefore breached her responsibilities as a registered nurse."

It was ordered that Anslow's name be removed from the nursing register.

Motorist killed himself after hit-and-run death

A DRINK-DRIVER who knocked down a great-grandfather, who later died, killed himself as police got closer to charging him, an inquest heard.

Stephen Johnson, aged 41, had driven to buy a takeaway curry despite having been drinking for three hours when he hit 85-year-old Bernard Betts as the pensioner was walking his dog in Barrs Road, Cradley Heath.

Theft led to ambulance power cut

AN AMBULANCE training centre was deprived of power for five days after thieves stole 40ft of cable.

Staff at the West Midlands Ambulance Service centre in Sedgley were forced to relocate to other venues while work costing thousands of pounds took place to restore power.

Thieves had broken into the nearby sub-station, which carries 11,000 volt cables, before digging up a 40ft stretch of cable and stripping it of copper wiring.

The trust had to organise emergency generators and additional security.

Julian Rhodes, head of training and education, said: "We are hugely disappointed that someone has caused this unnecessary problem to a service which is here to help the public in their hour of need."

"Whilst operational staff are not based here, we train literally hundreds of operational staff every week to improve patient care. What these thieves did was not only damaging to the trust but extremely dangerous as they could've been killed."

On turning up at friend Philip Davy's brother's house with food down his top, he told Mr Davy another car had crashed into him and driven off.

But a week later, Mr Davy, who worked for Mr Johnson's paving company Pave To Perfection, was told by his brother in a pub that the 41-year-old had knocked Mr Betts down.

Mr Davy told police, who then interviewed Mr Johnson but he still denied knocking down the pensioner.

On February 3 last year, three weeks after he had been hit in the road outside his house, Mr Betts died at Russells Hall Hospital.

On March 20 last year, Mr Johnson killed himself. His mother found him dead in bed at his home in Stourbridge, the inquest was told. At an inquest at Dudley Coroner's Court last week Pc Chris Blount said: "If he (Mr Johnson) hadn't committed suicide he would have faced charges."

Debris from the scene of the crash matched Mr Johnson's car.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said Mr Betts' death was caused by a chest infection and head and pelvic injuries suffered in the crash.

Mr Betts left a widow Lilian, aged 84. Their son Les, 65, said: "The inquest finally gives us some closure."

Chaos on stage with showtunes



At the piano is Jayne Saunders, of West Bromwich, and, back left, is Liz Woodhouse, of Tipton and Sarah Chater, of Tividale

SHOWTUNES will serenade audiences as performers from an operatic company take to the stage.

Members of Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society, known as Chaos, have been busy in rehearsals ready for their show-stopping performance. The show called Strictly Chaos is hitting the stage at Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road, for three performances from tonight to Saturday.

Around 40 songs feature throughout the musical revue, from theatre-land classics to contemporary rock. Songs from West End shows including the Sound of Music and Blood Brothers are part of the show.

Spokesman Paul Murdock said performers, both children and adults, had created a vibrant atmosphere in rehearsals.

"Everyone enjoys coming together for the show. It allows everyone the chance to shine. We are known for our dramatic performances but this

revue is good for those who prefer to sing and dance," he added. Rehearsals have been taken place since the start of the year, led by musical director Trevor Collin and producer-choreographer Salli Woodhouse.

Shows start at 7.30pm each night. All tickets cost £9 and to buy them call the box office on 0121 585 7380 or visit www.chaosoperatics.co.uk

The operatic company is also on the look out for performers, especially men, for its next show Mack and

NEWS in brief

Music festival will be returning

ORGANISERS of a music festival, held for the first time in Dudley, are hoping to build on its success for next year.

More than 1,200 people attended the Love Music Hate Racism Festival at Dudley Town Hall on April 26. Bands from the Black Country and elsewhere in the Midlands played on two stages. Visitors could also browse stalls. The event, organised by Trade Unions and Labour, was one of three Love Music Hate Racism festivals in the UK.

New owner for heating business

THE ownership of a Brierley Hill heating business has changed for the second time in three years.

AmbiRad in Fens Pool Avenue is now part of the American group Nortek, which paid £154 million to buy the heating, ventilation and air conditioning division of Thomas & Betts Corporation.

AmbiRad say there will be no be any affect on its operation as a result of the deal. The 35-year-old company has an annual turnover of more than £30m.

Merson to speak at club's dinner

FORMER England, Villa and Walsall footballer Paul Merson is to be the guest speaker at a cricket club's annual dinner.

The former Arsenal star, who also managed Saddlers, will be talking about the World Cup at Beacon Cricket Club's dinner at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley hill, on June 12 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £40 available by calling 07946 587290 or 07971 077870.

Ex-Villa stars to help raise funds

FORMER Aston Villa stars will line up to play in a charity football match in aid of Beacon Centre for the Blind as part of a fun day on May 18 to raise funds for the Sedgley-based charity. Kick-off is 1.30pm at Hedgesford Town FC. To reserve a space on the coach from Sedgley email fundraising@beacon4blind.co.uk

Garden open day

A GARDEN open day is taking place in Clent next month, raising money for nearby St Leonard's Church. The event will be at Ivytree House, Bromsgrove Road, June 7 and 8, 2 to 5pm both days.

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IN MY VIEW



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ANDREWS

A PLANNING application submitted to Wolverhampton Council last week sought permission for 'The reconfiguration of existing signage suite'. Or, in English, 'moving the signs outside McDonalds'.

Having just returned from a short break in Holland, three things spring to mind. Firstly, what a beautiful corner of the world it is, with its elegant architecture, lovingly preserved windmills and scenic canals.

If only we were half so good at making the most of our canals and old buildings in the Black Country, then it would be a much better place to live, work and shop.

Secondly, it did strike me how absurd it was that it took just 55 minutes to fly from Birmingham to Amsterdam, the journey ends up taking more than six hours by the time you have negotiated security and customs at either end, found somewhere affordable to park, and spent the customary half hour haggling with the car hire people on arrival.

But most of all, it struck me how terrifying it can be walking around otherwise genteel towns and cities which have been taken over by militant cyclists.

It all looks so respectful in Van Der Valk, where little old ladies in period costume gently amble over the bridges, smiling at the pedestrians walking by.

But in reality, they just come whizzing at you from all directions, manically ringing their bells to order you out of their path. The only thing you can do is play hopscotch as you seek to avoid one after another.

And if you're driving, it is even more un-nerving, as they just shoot across the road at their designated crossing points, without giving a second thought to what might be coming in their direction. Convinced of their own invincibility, these people never give a second thought to the Green Cross code.

But strangest of all is the zeal that people in that country have for cycling. To them, particularly the young, cycling is not simply a hobby or a means of transport, it is a way of life that must never be questioned.

Perhaps it is the result of years of indoctrination in schools, or maybe just something which has been ingrained into their culture through the centuries. But it does serve as a worrying pointer as to what could happen over here in years to come.

Politicians talk benignly about 'the need to encourage cycling'.

Cycling has its place, and maybe if more people were encouraged to use this means of transport, there could be a reduction in congestion on our roads. However, if anybody wants to see what happens when it is unquestioningly accepted as something which should be encouraged at all costs, they should go to Amsterdam.



A nibbler machine was used on blocks in Walsall



Oldbury's Albright and Wilson Houses come down



Grange Court in Wolverhampton, demolished 2009

A history of the high life in Black Country

JONATHAN PRITCHARD reports on an archive which has been delving into the past of high rise living

FOR some they are a blot on the landscape.

But, love them, or loathe them, tower blocks have been a familiar site on the Black Country's skyline for decades and have provided a place to call home for thousands of people.

Now a new archive is documenting the history of the tower blocks which sprang up – and came back down again – since 1960s onwards.

The archive has been set up by a group called Distinctly Black Country, which studies the history of the area.

Landmarks

Members are appealing for help from members of the public to help them collate details of the region's landmarks.

Paul Quigley, project researcher, said: "Council housing is a big part of the architecture of the Black Country, but there is very little written about it's history. They have affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have lived there. We are focused on the tower blocks of the 1960s at the moment, but we are welcoming any help we can get from the public."

Thirty volunteers have been working on the project since autumn last year, along with staff based at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

They have been collecting the materials to go on a website on the subject, as well as stories from people whose lives are connected to the blocks.

Their investigations have so far focused on 20 tower blocks in the centre of the Black Country across Bilston, Darlaston, Tipton, Wednesbury, Wednesfield and Willenhall.



Dave Cocker, aged 56, at Russell Court in Wolverhampton, where he lives

Mr Quigley said: "They are quite a controversial type of architecture but for all their bad points they are still a big part of the area."

"People think that their experience in the tower blocks doesn't mean anything. But what we are trying to say is that if you don't record your memories then it is going to be lost forever."

"It is the sort of thing that future generations will be interested in."

The work carried out by researchers has led to the discovery of maps and original planning documents, along

with the council reports which led to the demolition of flats. There are also written testimonies from former tenants, more than 150 photographs, and a comprehensive list of all 276 tower blocks ever built in the Black Country, produced by author Miles Glendinning.

Mr Quigley said there are a range of interesting items on the website including Butterfield Court in Eves Hill, Dudley, which featured on the iconic cover of the 1971 Led Zeppelin IV album. The flats were home to the band's drummer John Bonham who died in 1980.

Mr Quigley added the archive contained other interesting facts: "There is a Wednesfield tenants handbook, which also has a 'care of a bath' section, which we found hilarious."

"There are also pictures of Grange Court, just off the Ring Road in Wolverhampton which was described as the city's first high rise."

And he went on to add: "Bolton Court in Sandwell was called a 'gateway to the town' meaning Tipton, by the chair of housing when it was opened in 1965. It became part of the huge demolition programme by Sandwell Council, more than 60 blocks, and now only the car parks remain."

But while there is already a wide range of material for web users to browse through, project leaders are now on the lookout for further items and stories to add, as well as new volunteers to help with the investigation.

Mr Quigley said: "The materials we've found so far provide a great insight into the blocks themselves and also the lives led within them, but we are always looking to add more to the website."

One person who is championing the positive aspects of high rise life is Dave Cocker, who has lived in tower blocks for many years, and says he has happy memories of the experience.

He currently resides in Russell Court in Graiseley, Wolverhampton, but had previously lived in Wesley Court in Portobello, Willenhall. He said: "When I lived at Wesley Court the community spirit was very good. You knew everyone on your level, if not the block. We used to be quite naughty back then because we would go onto the roof and have barbecues. We were all adults and we were quite safe but we would go up there and sunbathe, or read, and just relax."

Anyone interested in volunteering or contributing items as part of the project should visit www.distinctlyblackcountry.org.uk/blockcapital or discuss the project with Chaz Mason on 01902 552040/552194.

POLITICS



WITH
DANIEL
WAINWRIGHT

GEORGE Osborne came under fire from Black Country MPs Valerie Vaz and Ian Austin recently at a time when the Chancellor is basking in the warm glow of an economic recovery.

And he says there are well over one million more people in work now than when the Coalition came to power. Dudley North's Mr Austin is not so sure the good times have reached the West Midlands.

He said: "The only people who are not worse off than they were four years ago are the super-rich? His wilful refusal to accept what every ordinary family in the country know from their daily experience just goes to show how out of touch he is."

But the Chancellor had a few statistics suggesting he thought things were going pretty well in Dudley.

"The honourable gentleman talks about who has felt the benefit of growth. What about the people in his constituency who have got a job, where unemployment has fallen by 17 per cent and youth unemployment is down 18 per cent? What about the 1.5 million people who have got jobs as a result of this Government working through their long-term economic plan?"

And Labour MP Miss Vaz, who represents Walsall South, said: "According to the Office for National Statistics, unemployment in the West Midlands has risen to 8.2 per cent, can the Chancellor explain why?"

But Mr Osborne said unemployment in Walsall South is down 20 per cent and that the number of people in work in the West Midlands dropped while Labour were in power. Mr Osborne has plenty of numbers at his disposal and they appear to be on his side. But the success of his latest budget will be judged on how much money people think they have in their pocket and businesses have in the bank – and whether or not they spend it.

It's sort of obligatory at the moment to talk about Ukip in any politics column. The not-quite new kids on the political block look set to do very well in the European elections but with their new status and popularity comes a heck of a lot of scrutiny.

The moronic individual from London who suggested Dudley's Lenny Henry should move to a 'black country', when in fact he was from the Black Country all along, has stood aside. But Ukip is finding comments people made years ago are coming back to haunt them.

So it was with Walsall Council candidate David Wycherley with his question over the eligibility of Mo Farah to have competed for Team GB in the Olympics, given that he was born in Somalia.

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THE recent revelations that BBC's Panorama team brought to our television screens were heartbreaking – I was moved to tears.

I applaud the brave whistleblowers, the dignity of victims' families and the diligence of the programme makers, whose combined actions have hopefully instigated justice.

The documentary has now sparked an inquiry by Essex Police on alleged abuse and an appeal for members of the public, who wish to report allegations of crime relating to the hidden camera film footage, to come forward.

I do believe, both personally and as the principal representative of my organisation which supports private sector care providers throughout the West Midlands, I have an obligation to bring some sense of perspective to the matter.

While sadly it is still necessary for such investigative journalism to uncover alleged cases of secretive elder abuse, the incidents we viewed are extremely rare and the vast majority of caring on a national and regional level is excellent.

My worry is that those elderly, frail

and dependent people who desperately need more watchful care could understandably refuse a residential setting package that would enhance their living experience.

I can only encourage their families and loved-ones not to vilify all carers because of what they have seen. The vast majority are professional, compassionate and give above and beyond their contractual obligations.

DEBBIE LE QUESNE
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Farewell to a GP who really cares

I FELT I had to write about the sad departure of Dr S Johal from the Bull Street Clinic, Lower Gornal. I have had the privilege of being one of Dr Johal's patients for the last three years and I am gutted that she has left.

She is the most wonderful GP I have ever known. I felt she was a friend as well as my doctor. She is such a kind, caring and genuine person who did so much for me. She has such qualities that you can't be trained in and you can't get paid for, these come from the heart.

Her empathy is second to none. When my baby grandson died she was upset for me and even gave me a hug, how many GPs would do that? Many of the medical profession would do well to take a leaf out of her book.

She really is an angel, I can't praise her enough. She knows how highly I thought of her and she said to me she hopes she doesn't change, but I'm certain she won't, she is humble and modest and this will always hold her in good stead.

So thank you Dr Johal from the bottom of my heart, for never giving up on me. Our loss is Gornal's gain, and I hope you and your family will continue to be showered with life's blessings. God bless you.

J BLAKE
Lower Gornal

At the least, make HS2 British built

SO they are going to inflict this HS2 white elephant upon us. We do not know the true cost, £50 billion is certain to be a very optimistic guessimate. As for the so called benefits — who really knows?

Articles talk about reducing the time to get to London, is nobody going to be travelling north, assuming Londoners know where Birmingham, let alone want to go there. As for going any further north, there will probably be no money left to extend it after 2026. They are not going to connect it through to the Channel tunnel, so only Londoners are allowed to go to Paris and Brussels.

It would be some compensation if some of that £50bn(?) stayed in the UK. Where will the rails be made, China? Where will the rolling stock be built, Germany? Will it be constructed by a British company with British workers?

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Red Arrows' display (Picture: Jamie Hunter)



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Mothers show solidarity in campaign outside store



Breast is best say mothers Leanne Shepherd with Alfie, Emma Parkes with Milly and Rachael Doré with Nancy

DOZENS of mothers gathered to show their support for breastfeeding in public after a mother alleged she was asked to leave a sports store for feeding her baby.

The show of solidarity for the Free to Feed movement was outside Sports Direct in the Merry Hill shopping centre. That store was chosen was due to the alleged treatment Wioletta Komar had at the Nottingham branch of the sports chain, where she claimed she was told she could not breast feed her

baby because it was 'against company policy'.

Rachael Doré, a nurse and mother-of-two, was one of the organisers and attended with her 10-week-old daughter Nancy. The 29-year-old said: "This is just to raise awareness that mothers should be able to feed wherever they want. With all the bad publicity in public and feel OK to breastfeed. You are worried about comments you might receive."

Emma Parkes, a student and mother-of-five, aged 31, attended with her 10-month-old daughter Milly. She

said: "We hear it again and again, people being asked to leave a public place because they're breastfeeding. If people object to breastfeeding in public, mothers feel like they can't leave the house for the first six months after their baby is born or they might decide to bottle feed."

Student Leanne Shepherd, with 11-month-old son Alfie, added: "There's nobody complaining about the images in the front of stores like Ann Summers, so why are they doing it about breastfeeding?"

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'This Government is providing incentives so that more homes for rent are built and promoting longer-term tenancies'

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Here in the Dudley borough we have pledged to cut the cost of politics, really concentrate on regeneration, freeze Council Tax and scrap car parking charges if Conservatives win back control of Dudley MBC.

Meanwhile Labour has launched its local election campaign with a proposal for rent controls.

This is yet another short-term political gimmick. Evidence from around the world shows that in the long-term, rent controls lead to poorer quality homes, fewer homes available to rent and ultimately higher rents. That makes life harder for young people looking for somewhere

to rent. Even Labour's own Housing Minister says rent controls 'will not work in practice.'

This Government is providing incentives so that more homes for rent are built and promoting longer-term tenancies, giving families more security and stability.

But the only way to raise people's living standards properly is to grow the economy, cut taxes and create jobs. We have a long-term economic plan to do that. Labour don't. All they offer is more spending, more borrowing and more taxes which would put the recovery at risk, jobs at risk and hardworking families' security at risk.

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viding better services. Vote Conservative for the long-term future of our country. Since 2010 we've seen 1.5 million more people get into work with all the security that brings, benefits capped so our economy delivers for those who work hard and play by the rules and all the while the deficit is down by a third so people's mortgage rates stay low.

his is the only party with a proper long-term economic plan and the only party that has what it takes to secure a better and brighter future for the Black Country and for Britain.

I was delighted to officially open the new classroom block and refurbished classrooms at The King'swinford School on Water Street. The academy-status school was successful in its bid to the Government's Education Funding Agency and received more than £800,000 to fund facilities.

We were also able to celebrate the very recent news that the school has been awarded more than £400,000 in additional funding following further successful bids. I congratulate headteacher Mrs Hedley, her leadership team and all of the staff on their achievements.

Chris Kelly can be contacted via 01384 211 041, office@chriskelly.mp or House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. You can also read the latest news and views at www.chriskelly.mp and sign-up for e-newsletters at www.recordofaction.com.

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Picture plea for school reunion

FORMER pupils school are being asked to bring their old photographs to a school reunion next month. More than 70 people are expected to turn out to the reunion for former pupils of Tividale's primary and secondary schools on May 13, starting at 11am.

The event at Tividale Football Club in Hawfield Road, is open to any youngsters who were at Tividale Primary School, Tividale Secondary Modern or Tividale Comprehensive from the 1940s onwards.

The event is being organised by Wendy Squires, now 73, who was a pupil at the primary school from 1946 to 1953. Mrs Squires, who was Wendy Wall in her school days, has been organising the events for the last five years, and on previous occasions old pupils from as far afield as Vancouver had turned out.

It's rags to riches as dancers leap to win



Tazmyn Rickards flies high before other group members

THEY look like the cast of a top West End production, and now they have the fame to go with it.

Members of Flare Dance Academy in Dudley are dancing for joy after winning one of the top prizes at a national competition. The team of boys and girls dressed in rags managed to impress the judges at the Eurodance competition in Brean Sands, Somerset, with their interpretation of Les Misérables in the show dance category.

It was the first year that the school, run by 37-year-old Emma Brookes, has taken part in the category, so they where even more surprised when they stormed their way to the top and took home the winner's trophy.

She said: "The group has gone from strength to strength over the last seven years and they have performed beyond my expectation." They meet at Coseley School in Herne Drive. Claire Hall, the mother of 14-year-old dancer Elle Hall, said: "It is absolutely amazing that they have come-back winners."

The group is now looking at entering more competitions and even plan to compete abroad.

Devil of a night at debut album launch

AN UNSIGNED band from Dudley is gearing up for a special gig near their home town. Netherton-based four piece rock band, Devil Red, will be playing at Mochers, Stourbridge, on May 30 as it embark on the release of its first EP album.

The group, made up of singer Grant Silk, guitarist Anthony Lunn, drummer Mike Piggott and bass player Jordan Staten, has been playing in the Black Country for the past four years and has supported former Iron Maidens frontman Blaze Bailey and many top tribute acts.

Anthony said: "We also chose Mochers, Stourbridge, or this event due to the quality of sound and the hard working efforts from the management to support live local bands and taking the time helping our event to be a success."

The band's keen following by fans online has also landed them a spot on a tour of Poland this summer. Hard copies of the EP will be available to buy at the album launch.

Push for more security at schools after teacher killed

MORE airport-style security and bag searches should be introduced in West Midlands schools, governors have said after the fatal stabbing of a teacher in Yorkshire.

Spanish teacher Ann Maguire, aged 61, who was due to retire in September, was fatally injured last week at Corpus Christi Catholic College in Leeds.

A 15-year-old boy remains in custody and West Yorkshire Police have confirmed that Mrs Maguire died from multiple stab wounds.

School governors in the West Midlands say this case shows the pressing need for increased security. It comes after it was revealed earlier this month that 12 children have been excluded from schools in Wolverhampton for going in with weapons. Seven of the cases involved knives. The city's council is the only authority in the Black Country to hold such figures for the past two academic years.

Councillor Elizabeth Walker, former children's services chief in Dudley, is a governor at both Wollescote and St James's primary schools in Dudley and a member of the corporation of

Dudley College. She said: "Weapons are easily available for those who are so disposed to carry one. As the culture grows for stabbings, people may consider it a way to defend themselves."

"There's also so much stress on young people with their emotions, exam pressures and things like cyber bullying to contend with."

"There's a case for airport-style security in some schools. I know it would make some schools look like a fortress but life is more precious. This sort of incident is caused by the society in which we live. There is so much aggression in young people too."

Bid to build youth skills

A TRUST which helps young people find employment within the construction industry has linked with Dudley Council on its latest project.

The Construction Youth Trust aims to work with the authority on a new course which will offer training and support for job seekers.

The trust has run eight courses in Dudley borough since June 2013, reaching 135 people in the 16 to 30 age group.

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The course is aimed at equipping young people with the skills and knowledge to travel on their own for school, college and in their leisure time, hugely impacting on their own lives and that of their families too.

The scheme covers issues including road safety awareness, journey planning, using public transport, personal safety, contingency planning and money skills.

Former Albion steward died after walking in front of car

WEST Bromwich Albion's former assistant chief steward was hit by a car when he walked out from behind a bus, an inquest heard.

Michael 'Mick' Hodgetts was knocked down as he stepped out from behind the bus he had just alighted from at the junction of the A4123 Wolverhampton Road and Brandhall Road in Oldbury. He died from his injuries.

The 54-year-old had been out for a

drink and was yards from his home. The car that hit him was travelling between 28 and 33mph on a road with a 40mph limit.

The driver of the orange Fiat Punto, Parmjit Singh Bains, who was heading into Birmingham to work in a bar, would have had 0.8 of a second to see Mr Hodgetts, police estimated. That's around half of the 'thinking time' a driver needs to react.

Now a bank worker, Mr Bains, 26, of Russells Hall, Dudley, said: "I saw him

at the point of impact. My recollection was I did not have time to brake."

Smethwick Coroner's Court heard that a paramedic helped Mr Hodgetts, of Queensway, before an ambulance arrived. He died at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham on October 5.

Senior Coroner Robin Balmain said cause of death were fatal injuries to the head and brain as a result of a road traffic collision. He said: "There was nothing unusual or improper about the manner of the driving of the car."



Collision — Mick Hodgetts

Merry Hill is to be re-branded

A £407 MILLION take over deal of the Merry Hill Shopping Centre has been completed.

Intu Properties will take over the running of the Brierley Hill based complex after buying half of the centre which had been owned by Westfield. The complex will be known as Intu Merry Hill and a re-branding has been launched.

Its new website intu.co.uk/merryhill has also gone live and posters and leaflets are being distributed throughout the complex. The company already owns the Trafford Centre in Manchester, Metrocentre in Gateshead and Lakeside, Essex.

Plans for a major revamp of the site are in the pipeline. The other owners are Australian investment body QIC.

Dirty weekend to help good causes



Lisa and Rob Edwards ready to face a new challenge

CRAWLING through mud and clambering up walls, Lisa and Rob Edwards are proving their toughness with five challenges for charity. The couple from Lower Gornal have completed the Birmingham Half Marathon and Shakespeare Half Marathon but now have sights set on the world's longest assault course.

The challenges are to raise money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity — after friend Nina Gayden had a still birth, another friend Alison Jones and Lisa's mother Jacquie Pearson were diagnosed with breast cancer, all in the past two years.

Mrs Edwards, aged 34, said: "After a dreadful two years, I decided to try and do something, give myself a challenge and get sponsorship for the charities which can help."

Mrs Gayden is now pregnant while Mrs Jones is recovering following chemotherapy and Mrs Pearson has just finished her chemotherapy.

The couple will take part in the Rat Race Dirty Weekend, the largest obstacle course in the world, in Lincolnshire on Saturday. Visit virginmoneygiving.com/lisaandrob

Giving homeless youngsters a roof

IT has been described as 'B&B with love' and has helped around 250 homeless young people to get back on their feet.

Now the YMCA Black Country Group's Open Door project, which helps teenagers to get off the streets, is celebrating its fifth anniversary. The project aids mainly 16 and 17-year-olds to get into homes of their own and further education after finding themselves homeless.

It does so thanks to a small army of generous volunteers who open their own homes to take in the youngsters.

Around 70 households across the Black Country have signed up to the scheme during its five-year life and currently hosts provide more than 12,000 nights of accommodation per year.

Open Door project manager Nathan Adams said: "One of our hosts described it as B&B with love."

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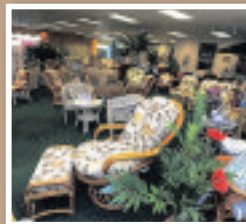
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A history of the Bodfish family tree

MY TIME OVER 50S

THE April meeting commenced with a talk from Mary Bodfish entitled "Singularities of Bodfish".

This talk was all about the Bodfish family tree. As a teenager Mary was shown four marriage certificates by her father, the earliest being the wedding in 1838 in Tadmorton near Banbury, of her great great grandfather John Bodfish. As a result, Mary was completely hooked on researching her family tree.

She went further back in time following the name back to Northamptonshire.

In the 1980s Mary was contacted by Ralph Bodfish from California who was looking to link the American Bodfishes to the English line. A Robert Bodfish had emigrated to Massachusetts a short time after the Mayflower had landed.

The family name gradually spread across America to California, with a Bodfish Park in Barnstable, Massachusetts, and a Bodfish town in California. The name even migrated north with the whaling fleet into Alaska.

Mary's research shows that anyone, anywhere with the Bodfish name is from the one English family.

The Bodfish name has also been found in Macclesfield taking the name back to the 12th century.

Thanks were given to Mary for such an interesting talk and introducing some very entertaining ancestors.

The next meeting is on May 28 when Mr Ray Sturdy will be introducing "The see and hear quiz".

Sausage making demo by butchers

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Butchers Steve, left, and Mark Turner

THE outing on April 16 was to Ashbourne in Derbyshire. The first stop was at Fairway Garden Centre for a browse and shop before moving on to Ashbourne town centre for lunch.

Carsington Water was the afternoon venue.

At the guild meeting on April 17 the formal opening section included reports from the treasurer and the Lunch Club and Walking Groups.

Speakers for the evening, Mark and Steve Turner, Pel-sall's local award-winning Butchers, gave a talk on their family history and meat in general, which they followed with a sausage making demonstration.

Four members tried their hands at sausage making and after much laughter at their efforts, were allowed to take their 'produce' home.

The remainder of the sausages were sold in aid of the Air Ambulance charity which, together with the Mark & Steve's donation of their fee, raised £90.

Carol Manlove and Pat Westwood were joint winners of the monthly competition for the most popular decorative plate, and Hilda Craddock won the raffle.

Outgoing committee praised

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THE meeting was opened by chairman Marlene Stratton who welcomed all members and visitors.

Marlene thanked the outgoing committee members for their work over the years and each one was presented with a thank you card and a lovely rose bush. Beryl who is not retiring was given a china plant pot.

After guild business the chairman introduced the day's speaker John Billingham.

His talk was 'Images of Worcestershire, with slides included views of places like Newnham Bridge, the bridge over the river and of the cathedral. Beryl Hartley gave the vote of thanks. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath, at 10.30am.

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Pub car park's housing project

THREE houses will be built on a former pub car park if new plans are approved.

Proposals have been submitted to use the land, in Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, to create one three-bedroom detached house and a pair of two-bedroom semi-detached properties.

The parking area was formerly used for the Fox and Goose pub, which is now a Tesco Metro store.

As part of the scheme, the semi-detached houses would face Bromley Lane while the front of the detached building would face Randall Close.

Dudley Council's development control committee, which is chaired by Councillor Qadar Zada, will discuss the scheme at its meeting on Monday.

£500k aid to support firms using superfast broadband

BUSINESSES in the Midlands are to get support on how to use superfast broadband to help them prosper thanks to a new £500,000 project.

Wolverhampton City Council is administering the Black Country Broadband Business Support Project that aims to help around 12,500 small and medium-sized enterprises to grow.

Half of the cash was secured from the European Regional Development Fund and it will

Report by Hele Brown

be match funded by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership through the Growing Places revenue pot.

The project will assist eligible firms in connecting to a superfast broadband network, and to fully understand and exploit the commercial benefits offered by it.

Support that companies will be offered includes: one-to-one advice on how to take advantage of superfast broadband services, an ICT diagnostic review to assess their connection

requirements and what other ICT services they could benefit from and seminars and workshops to share good practice amongst businesses and showcase new products.

Tim Johnson, Wolverhampton City Council's strategic director for education and enterprise, said: "This is an excellent initiative aimed at helping thousands of businesses prosper."

"Superfast broadband can have a huge impact and help firms grow but some might not be in a position to take advantage of this. This funding will allow us to give businesses the help and support they require to benefit from such services."

Police recruit student officers

A RECRUITMENT drive for 140 student police officers has been launched. West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police are advertising for the new roles.

The two forces have formed an alliance so successful candidates may work in either area.

There is also a new College of Policing's accelerated Fast Track promotion and development programme. It aims to train the most talented graduates with the skills, knowledge and experience to advance to the rank of inspector within three years. Three candidates will be recruited for the programme, which starts in September.

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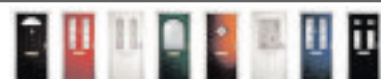
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Inventor snaps up idea for safer road riding

CARELESS driving and foul-mouthed abuse from motorists are among the potentially dangerous headaches faced by horse riders using the roads.

But thanks to inventor David Daly, riders now have a new weapon in their armoury to combat the problem and catch the offenders.

Mr Daly came up with the idea for a miniature camera attached to a horse tail sleeve after speaking with equestrian groups on the back of sales for his coloured horse tail sleeves.

Within a week of launching the product, which is priced at £49.95, the 43-year-old has had 50 orders come in from across the country.

Mr Daly, from Swindon, near Dudley, said: "Horse riders say when they are on the main roads they see motorists not slowing down and not passing them wide enough, causing an obvious danger to them and the horse."

"The problem they have is they don't have the evidence to bring prosecutions against the offending motorists - there was a total of 3,000 reported incidents from riders across the UK last year."

"The camera records vehicles passing and the recording can be passed on to police with any reported incident," said Mr Daly, who also runs the tea shop at Baggeridge Country Park, Sedgley.

He added: "This is the first of its kind anywhere I have seen, and so far the reaction from equestrian groups has been brilliant, I hope to sell many more."

Mr Daly, a former Ounsdale High School pupil, worked at Rolls Royce before taking over the tea shop 14 years ago.

Two years ago he invented a coloured lead and collar for dogs to



David Daly with his latest invention — a horse tail camera

warn other people about the animal's temperament. The product is sold by his firm Gizapaw, with 1,500 provided to customers so far.

While touring the country and abroad to market his product, he spoke to many equestrian groups and found a gap in the market for a similar idea

to warn people about horses on the road. A green tail sleeve signalled the horse was a novice, a red one to say it was a kicker and a white one to warn it was a stallion.

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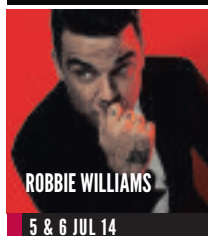
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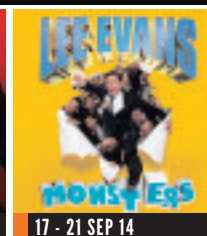
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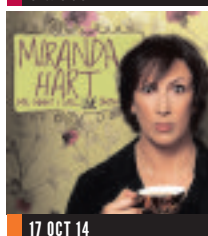
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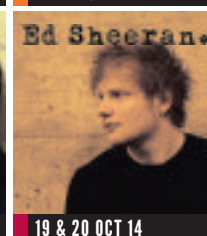
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Wolves boss Stan Cullis and his players admire the championship trophy they won in 1954



FA Cup triumph for West Bromwich Albion in 1954



Jim Sanders can't bear to watch as Ronnie Allen makes in 2-2 from the spot

It's 1954 and football kings of the Black Country reign supreme

SIXTY years ago, Black Country football stood at the very summit.

Last Thursday marked the anniversary of Albion's 1954 FA Cup triumph which brought to a climax what must be considered the finest season in the history of the region's football.

In these few square miles of hotly-contested turf between Molineux and The Hawthorns, come the evening of May 1, 1954, English football had to concede supremacy. Wolves, champions a week earlier, had deprived their neighbours of what would have been the 20th century's first double.

For compensation, runners-up Albion had to content themselves with a 3-2 FA Cup triumph over Preston North End, another major force at the time.

But the dual triumph made the pair the kings of the era while writing an epic chapter to a rivalry that thrives to this day. The surviving members of the thousands of Baggies fans who poured down to Wembley will be dwindling in numbers now but they

MEMORY LANE by Martin Swain

surely cling to the memory of this period. This would be the start of Wolves' greatest years with a team that swept forward powerfully and quickly and thrilled to the wing play of Mullen and Hancock.

Albion's rise with an older group of players which did not have the youthful back-up Stan Cullis had foreseen at Molineux, would be more short-lived. But the team of '54 is no less fabled. Coached by the under-regarded Vic Buckingham, they produced the kind of game with which Hungary had humiliated England the previous November.

"The Team of the Century" one commentator memorably labelled them and to this day they are still regarded as the club's finest. With Wolves winning their first Championship, there would be one further echo of this collision of rivals and stylists the following September when they contested

the Charity Shield. As was the custom, the game was staged at the home of the league champions and 45,000 fans gathered at Molineux to see the fireworks. And fireworks they got as Albion twice came back from two-goal deficits to draw the game 4-4.

Watching from the sidelines, a young member of the Wolves groundstaff had his imagination fired. Ron Atkinson says today: "There was no-one taking any prisoners. But they were two fantastic teams, it's as simple as that. We all just watched in wonder really."

Behind the outcome of this Wolves-Albion head-to-head 60 years ago, lie all manner of curiosities and even conspiracy theories. Back then, representative football took priority and having largely ignored the 66-goal partnership between Ronnie Allen and Johnnie Nicholls, the FA's selection panel suddenly picked both for a Scotland-England game at Hampden on the same day Albion would be facing Wolves.

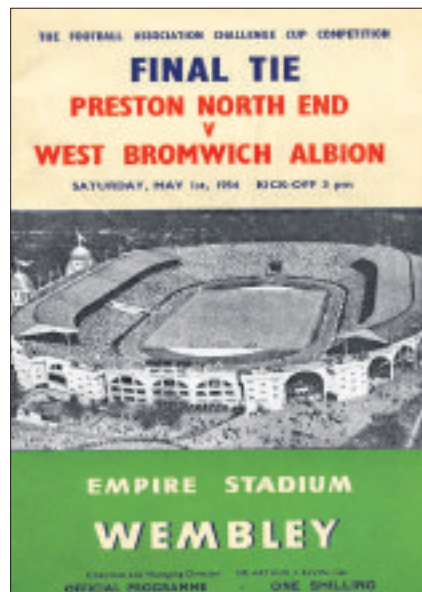
The gold and black would be without Billy Wright and Jimmy Mullen for the same

reason but absence of the two forwards was deemed a greater loss in most circles. Was there mischief to this? The Albion corner will always believe the influential Wright recommended the Allen-Nicholls call-ups to balance out his team's handicap. Wolves won the game 1-0 but the reverberations continued for many a year.

The outstanding 'playmaker' Ray Barlow had to play up front and having scored a couple against Wolves the previous season, legend has it Wolves defender Bill Shorthouse gave him a blunt warning: "You won't be scoring two today, mate."

Whether by accident or design, Barlow took a meaty challenge from Shorthouse and limped out to passenger status on the wing. When, years later, Allen took over as Wolves manager one of his first acts was to give youth coach Shorthouse his cards.

Separately, Albion and Wolves went toe-to-toe as fiercely as ever to dispute the biggest club trophies football had to offer back then. But together, on this night 60 years ago, they reigned supreme.



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Teacher wins top award

A RECENTLY-qualified teacher has won a national award for being an inspirational educator.

Joanne Babb was presented with the award at the annual Worshipful Company of Educators' Trust Fund Awards, which were held at Vintners' Hall in London.

The evening was hosted by Martyn Lewis CBE and an after dinner speech was given to the winners by Her Majesty's chief inspector of schools, Sir Michael Wilshaw.

Ms Babb began as a newly-qualified teacher at Broadmeadow Special School in Wolverhampton in 2012.

Restoration hope for ruined old flour mill

A RUINED windmill dating back to the 17th century could be restored, says a councillor. Councillor David Clift is hoping to raise £100,000 to renovate the old flour mill in Bog-nop Road, Essington to its former glory.

The mill was originally built in 1681, but fell into a state of disrepair during the Second World War. The main wooden superstructure was destroyed by arsonists in 1959, and today, only the brick base and the remnants of its internal workings have survived.

Councillor Clift is now hoping to form a group to rebuild the mill, recreating the sails and wooden superstructure.

He plans to look into the possibility of securing lottery funding for the scheme.

The mill is on Windmill Farm, and Councillor Clift said he was hoping to speak to members of the Simkin family, which owns the land, about his proposals.

Important

"The mill is an important part of Essington's history," Councillor Clift said it would be quite a big project, and would require locating a number of skilled craftsmen.

"We are only really looking at restoring the shell and putting the sales back on, although it may be necessary to get it working again, because the sails will need to rotate," he said.

"I understand that if they are fixed they are liable to be damaged by the wind."

The windmill was originally built by Henry Vernon, and was rebuilt with a brick roundhouse in the late 18th century.

It was in operation until the 1880s.

Adrian Simkin of Windmill Farm said he was not aware of Councillor Clift's



Remains of the windmill idea, and could not comment until he had the full information.

There has been a renewed interest in windmills in recent decades.

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The building is now a visitor attraction.

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The secret of an amazing illusionist

Derren Brown, Infamous, Wolverhampton Grand

I HAVE been sworn to secrecy. Like anyone else who has seen TV illusionist Derren Brown's live show Infamous, I have been asked not to reveal what happens in his act.

I am happy to pledge that no spoilers will be found here. I would not want to spoil a hugely enjoyable and frequently amazing night at the the-

atre for those who have got a ticket. They will be selling fast once word gets around from Monday's sell-out show about his mind-boggling tricks. He never suggests they are anything more than tricks but maintains the magic by not fully revealing how they are done.

If Brown was less scrupulous he could no doubt make an equally lucrative living as a stage psychic or a

card sharp. He is without doubt a superb showman and his witty, rapid-fire delivery enhances his potent blend of conjuring, deception, memory techniques, body language reading, psychology and hypnosis. He makes the apparently impossible happen and that has a much greater impact on stage than on television.

Infamous continues at the Grand to Saturday. **Leon Burakowski**

Warm and witty Pam spreads joy

Pam Ayres

Birmingham Town Hall
HOW very reassuring that in these hurried high-tech days there is still a place in society for our Pam's poems.

Even those who don't remember her 1975 debut on Opportunity Knocks, where rhymes read in her Berkshire burr won her top prize and took her to the Royal Variety performance, seem to love her.

But despite the number of young faces in the audience, her main fan base lies with the more mature, the sort who take great delight in finishing off Pam's verses.

This they did repeatedly last week and while I would normally,

She spreads joy and light and leaves you feeling a little more at ease with the world.

She interspersed poems with stories about her life, warm and funny anecdotes.

She treated us to one of our favourites I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth but otherwise the poet with 29,000 Twitter followers was very much of today.

Reviews



Warren Sollars with feather boa as Marc Bolan of T.Rex

A night when we were boa to boogie

20th Century Boy, New Alexandra Theatre

THE feathers were flying — quite literally — as we sang, nodded our heads, got in the groove and waved our complimentary red boas.

Had the clouds of feathers floating in the air glued up the sound system we wondered, as the start was hit by a 40-minute delay? Whatever the technical difficulty, the wait was soon forgotten in a feast of glam rock revelry.

You didn't have to be a fan of this 70s superstar to enjoy the story of his search

for success, his loves, demons and all-too-soon death. This nippy production had the tragedy told through the eyes of his son Roland as he, himself, sought to find the truth and it worked sublimely.

This young and lively cast gave it their all. Warren Sollars as Marc brought this icon back to us for a while while Luke Bailey as his son emanated tenderness.

Dance routines were tight and the music gloriously loud. The show is coming to Wolverhampton Grand from June 30 to July 5.

Infectious folk worth catching

Moulettes

Robin 2, Bilston

KICKING off with Sing Unto Me, The Moulettes laid out their stall with harmonies producing orchestra-sized music. The voices of Hannah Miller and Ruth Skipper melded wonderfully with the harmonies of Eliza Jave, Emma Gatrill and Ollie Austin, as they filled the room with their original sound.

They were joined on stage by support act Kate Young, who added the rich strand of her fiddle playing to the proceedings.

The band uses a bewildering array of instruments including autoharp, bassoon, synths, cello and double bass. The obvious enjoyment of the group on stage was infectious and they moved from prog-rock to classical and back to thumping folk with ease.

One of the highlights was a wonderfully complex offering for Songbird. The Moulettes may not be as well-known as other 'folk orchestras' such as Bellowhead but don't underestimate their talent.

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Dream comes true for group

A BAND from Dudley saw a 'dream come true' at the weekend when they took to the stage in Birmingham to support supergroup McBusted on their UK tour.

EofE were performing in front of a crowd of 15,000 at the LG Arena.

The group, described as a 'up and coming four piece rock outfit' have been the support act throughout the 32-date nationwide tour featuring members of the bands Busted and McFly.

Vocalist Tom Harris, 17, from Nether-ton has described the opportunity as 'a dream come true'. The former Hillcrest Community College pupil said: "We are really excited and still can't believe it is happening. This tour is an opportunity to launch our career."

Boost for town as new shops open after supermarket arrives

TWO new shops are opening as business bosses ride a wave of success following the arrival of a large supermarket.

The opening of clothing stores Scary Canary and Wardrobe One in Market Street, Stourbridge, this month come as marketing agent BWD Retail announces all shop units at the new Crown Centre have been taken.

The centre's anchor store, Tesco Extra, opened six months ago.

Sara Shakespeare changed her career from pub work to open Wardrobe One in her home

town. The 37-year-old mother-of-three has experience working in the clothing industry in London.

She said: "I wanted to do something new and be my own boss. I figured if I was ever going to do this, I need to do it now."

The shop will sell clothing from independent designers.

Mrs Shakespeare said: "I chose to open here because it is a busy market town and there is a good sense of community."

"The Tesco opening along with the town's re-generation can only be good for new businesses."

Scary Canary owner Stacey Smith said she believed the town was benefitting due to the supermarket. Miss Smith, who set up the firm with fiancé Steve Pilcher six years ago, is opening her store in the former Mad Hackers barbers as part of an expansion plan.

Miss Smith, 32, said: "Before we closed the Victoria Passage store we noticed business picking up after the Tesco opening, people also stopped complaining about the lack of parking."

"We look forward to coming back firstly with this store, and then the second, larger store in the summer."

Worcester backs women bishops

THE introduction of women bishops has been overwhelming supported by the Worcester Diocesan Synod in a vote.

The proposals by the General Synod of the Church of England need to be approved by the majority of Diocesan Synods — the governing body for each diocese — before the legislation to allow women to become bishops can be debated finally at the General Synod meeting in July.

In Worcester, the proposals were wholeheartedly approved, with just one vote against the motion at a recent meeting.

The Bishop of Worcester John Inge said: "The vote was wonderful news. The Diocese of Worcester has always been overwhelmingly in favour of allowing women to become bishops so I was not surprised that the vote was almost unanimous."

Bid to open skate park in the summer

WORK on a long-awaited £150,000 skate park is to begin this month with the aim to get the facility open in time for school summer holidays.

Social enterprise group Unit3sixty won approval to build the indoor park in Mill Race Lane in Stourbridge last month and the group has since received £50,000 worth of extra funding from the Charity Bank toward the project.

It means boss Gavin Pardoe can start work on the park following the take-over of a disused industrial unit.

Mr Pardoe said if the organisation wins a further application for a £50,000 grant from Biffa Award, it could begin phase two of the project which would see a DJ/graffiti artist studio and

a cafe. The park will employ up to eight people.

Mr Pardoe said: "The support we have had come in has been fantastic. It has given us the confidence that we are creating something people in this area need and want. We can't wait to get started at the site and hopefully have the place up and running by the school summer holidays."

After first unveiling proposals for the park in August last year, Unit3sixty has received £187,000 in grants, including £50,000 from Sport England.

The group has support from community leaders including Chairman of Stourbridge Township Council Margaret Scott and Stourbridge MP Margot James.

Husk rock to top in band battle

WINNER of the 2014 Battle of the Bands competition at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall, which featured more than 20 of the region's best groups, were Dudley-Wolverhampton rockers Husk.

A set of music industry judges decided the four-piece metal band stole the show. Made up of singer Bob Taylor, 24, an ensembler, guitarist Scott James, 22, a sound controller, guitarist Jak Shinner, who works for EDM Wednesday and drummer Lawrence Elcock, 20, a sales assistant at IKEA, the group formed two years ago.

Their prize includes studio time, a music video, photo shoot and support slot with a major band.



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Panic break out at the Civic Hall

LAS Vegas rock band Panic! At The Disco follow up the top ten success of latest album Too Weird To Love, Too Rare To Die by bringing The Gospel Tour to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday.

Tickets cost £24.75 to see Brendon Urie and co in action at the Civic with a bundle of high-energy, synth-led anthems as the band tour in their own right after supporting Fall Out Boy.

Last year was the most successful yet for the MTV favourites who grabbed attention in 2005 with their debut album A Fever You Can't Sweat Out and the hit single I Write Sins Not Tragedies. Too Weird is their fourth album.

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Theatre on song for Sister Act

TICKETS have gone on sale for the West Midlands amateur premiere of musical comedy Sister Act.

West Bromwich Operatic Society are staging the Midlands premiere of nun on the run musical Sister Act at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, from Tuesday to Saturday.

Based on the popular 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg, it tells of a nightclub singer who hides from gangsters in a convent, and decides to bring a little soul power to the nuns' choir.

Tashaka Coe stars and tickets cost from £13.50. Visit www.wbos.co.uk

Prince leads rock and pop royalty in week of star gigs

Oh Boy! Grand on Holly days

BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story recreates the roots of rock 'n' roll at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday, May 19, to May 24, as the show celebrates its own silver anniversary.

The meteoric rise and untimely death of the Rave On and Peggy Sue rocker from Texas, who once rivalled Elvis and went on to influence The Beatles, is covered in the two-hour show featuring 20 hits with Roger Rowley as Buddy.

Ben Richards plays arrogant rock god Stacee Jaxx in Rock of Ages The Musical, also featuring Noel Sullivan, which features lots of 1980s power ballads from We Built This City to I Wanna Know What Love Is.

It struts into Birmingham to play The New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday, May 19.



Roger Rowley as Buddy Holly in a musical of his life

ONE of the most influential rock/R&B acts of the past three decades Prince is back with his first Birmingham gigs of the 21st Century.

The Kiss and Purple Rain star left fans to scramble for tickets (£65 each) with a shock announcement of UK gigs just over a fortnight before he plays the LG Arena for the first time in 19 years, on May 15 and again on May 19.

Following a series of low-key 'guerilla' UK gigs in February, the unpredictable singer-songwriter from Minneapolis will be bringing his all-female band 3rdEyeGirl on tour after announcing the imminent arrival of his new album Plectrum Electrum.

That will form part of an exceptional week of concerts at the LG and NIA with Roar hit-maker Katy Perry at the LG on Tuesday and Wednesday with her Prismatic World Tour. It marks part of the Californian pop star's year-long global jaunt and in Birmingham she will be supported by Swedish synth pop duo Icona Pop.

Then on Friday, May 16, Bangerz babe Miley Cyrus, who has put a Wrecking Ball through memories of Hannah Montana with her twerking antics, is at the NIA. That's the same night that The X Factor 2011 winners Little Mix are at the LG following the release of second album Salute and their Sports Relief Cameo cover hit Word Up!

Young queen of quirk Janelle Monae is supported by Cody Chestnutt at Birmingham Institute tonight. Yorkshire rock band Embrace have made a triumphant comeback with Follow You Home and are in concert on Saturday at Birmingham Academy.

There are opportunities to catch up with several performers that made their names in the 1980s and 90s. Tonight crooner Michael Bolton, now minus his mullet but still able to deliver a powerful ballad, is in concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall with a combination of old favourites and songs from his new Motown tribute album Ain't No Mountain High Enough.

Influential Liverpoolian band Echo & The Bunnymen follow up new single Lovers On The Run and forthcoming album Meteorites



Prince returns to Birmingham after 19 years

at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday. Hits such as The Cutter, Lips Like Sugar and The Killing Moon will likely get an airing.

Singer-songwriter Toris Amos is at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday showcasing new album Unrepentant Geraldines. Ex-lead singer of The Go-Gos Belinda Carlisle, who had solo hits in 1987 with Circle In The Sand and Heaven Is A Place On Earth, has a sold out gig on Tuesday at Birmingham Town Hall. That's the same night folk/pop outfit Martin Stephenson and The Daintees are at the Academy 3. Ex-Bible frontman Boo Hewerdine plays Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on Wednesday.

Lord of the Flies in dance revamp

A HARD-HITTING dance production devised by one of the scene's great talents and featuring several Black Country boys will be a highlight of International Dance Festival Birmingham 2014.

Matthew Bourne's company New Adventures bring Lord of the Flies, based on the novel by William Golding, to Birmingham Hippodrome from Wednesday to Saturday, May 14-17.

The professional dancers will be joined by 22 young amateurs chosen from more than 300 hopefuls.

The powerful story about schoolboys descending into savagery has been relocated by Bourne from an island to a deserted theatre setting.

Wolf Alice ready to rock the Temple

THERE'S a buzz about London rockers Wolf Alice, fronted by Ellie Rowsell, and that's not just the ringing left in your ears by their explosive grunge style sound.

The band named after an Angela Carter short story emptied the bars at the recent Wolverhampton gig by The Manic Street Preachers when they pulled a massive crowd for a support act.

They are touring again before the release of EP Creature Songs in June and play Birmingham Institute's Temple venue in Digbeth on Monday. Call 0844 844 0444 for tickets.

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Molly

Eurovision Song Contest 2014 (BBC1, 8pm)

Graham Norton commentates on the 59th musical extravaganza from Copenhagen, Denmark, who won last year with Emmelie de Forest's Only Teardrops. All eyes will be on Molly, who is aiming to become the first UK winner since 1997 with her self-penned anthem Children of the Universe, and Ireland's Can-Linn featuring Kasey Smith – assuming the latter made it through Thursday's semi-final. They are likely to face stiff competition from the other 24 countries, including the host nation's Basim with his Bruno Mars-style Cliche Love Song, the German trio Elaiza, who use traditional instruments to produce a more modern sound, and France's Twin Twin, who bring to mind Jedward with their fun dance track Moustache.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.10** BBC News; Weather. **12.20** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Bargain Hunt. **(R)** **3.30** Monkey Planet. **(R)** **4.30** Film: Bolt. (2008) Animated adventure, with the voice of John Travolta.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Pointless Celebrities. Eurovision edition, featuring former Bucks Fizz stars Cheryl Baker and Mike Nolan, Johnny Logan and Dana – who both won the title for Ireland – and Sonia.

7.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize.

8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2014. Graham Norton commentates on the 59th musical extravaganza from Copenhagen, Denmark, who won last year with Emmelie de Forest's Only Teardrops. All eyes will be on Molly, who is aiming to become the first UK winner since 1997 with her self-penned anthem Children of the Universe, and Ireland's Can-Linn featuring Kasey Smith – assuming the latter made it through Thursday's semi-final.

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11.25 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

11.45 Agnetha: Abba & After. The story of Agnetha Fältskog's music career as both a member of the Swedish pop group and a successful solo singer, featuring interviews with Björn Ulvæus and Benny Andersson. (R)

12.45 Film: Once. (2006) **2.05** Weatherwise. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Dark Mirror. (1946) **7.25** Great British Menu. (R) **7.55** Great British Menu. (R) **8.25** Great British Menu. (R) **8.55** Great British Menu. (R) **9.25** Great British Menu. (R) **9.55** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.05** Coast. (R) **11.30** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. **(R)** **12.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. **(R)** **1.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. **(R)** **1.45** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. **1.50** Deborah Kerr: Talking Pictures. **2.25** Film: From Here to Eternity. (1953) **4.20** Film: The Prisoner of Zenda. (1952)

6.00 Natural World: The Pygmy Hippo – A Very Secret Life. Australian ecologist Wei-Yeen Yap travels to a remote part of the West African rainforest to investigate the life and habits of the endangered species. (R)

7.00 Flog It! Will Axon and Michael Baggot are at Coventry Cathedral, where the experts value items brought in by members of the public. Presented by Paul Martin.

8.00 Dad's Army. Jones's reputation is called into question by an old comrade's allegations about his conduct at the Battle of Omdurman in Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

8.30 Pop Go the Women: The Other Story of Pop Art – A Culture Show Special. Alastair Sooke tracks down women involved in the pop art movement of the 1950s and 60s, including Pauline Boty, Marisol, Rosalyn Drexler, Idelle Weber and Jann Haworth.

9.30 Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers. Wilhelm is sent to serve in a punitive battalion, Charlotte's hospital is overrun by the Red Army, and Dorn asks Greta to testify that he helped Viktor escape. Last in the series. Generation War: Fact and Fiction follows.

11.05 Generation War: Fact and Fiction. Martha Kearney chairs a discussion of issues raised by the Second World War German drama, looking at its historical accuracy and the controversy it has caused.

11.45 Film: Telstar: The Joe Meek Story. (2008) Biopic charting the career of the influential 1960s record producer, who was ultimately brought down by depression and paranoia. With Con O'Neill and Pam Ferris.

1.40 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digmom Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.50** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.25** Film: Beethoven's 2nd. (1993) **2.05** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **3.05** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme.

Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Let Me Entertain You. Viewers' clips, featuring a lip-synching showdown between cheerleaders and farmers on Icona Pop's I Love It, and renditions of his by Daft Punk and One Direction.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring a hunt for mosquitos, the 60 Minute Makeover team demolishing a house and a superhero child wrecking his mother's kitchen.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the fifth audition show, as the judges – Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon – give their verdicts on more of the nation's best, and worst, performers. Queuing up to take the stage, acts of all ages and abilities are determined to prove they're worthy of the £250,000 cash prize and a slot at the Royal Variety Performance.

8.00 Amazing Greys. Young contestants take on accomplished pensioners, including former England striker Geoff Hurst and Mastermind winner Liz Horrocks.

9.00 Prey. The hunt gains momentum when Reinhardt receives a tip-off about Farrow's location, while the fugitive suspects someone close to home may have information about Abi and Max's deaths. (R)

10.00 The Americans. Philip and Elizabeth infiltrate a rebel training base and attend the church to which Paige has donated all her savings.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: The Eiger Sanction. (1975) An assassin-turned-academic is blackmailed into returning to his old career to eliminate a spy. Action adventure, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

1.25 Jackpot247. **3.30** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **4.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Lingfield Park and Haydock Park. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Recruitment boss Duncan Powell hosts the final dinner party in Newport, Gwent, and hopes his Hawaiian-themed evening will impress his guests enough to win the prize. Unfortunately for him, prawn brains and sea bass bones harm his chances of success, so the confident cook tries to rescue the evening with a lemon posset. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still. (2008) An alien arrives on Earth, accompanied by an awe-inspiring powerful robot, on a fateful mission – to decide if the human race deserves to continue – and if not, to wipe it out. The visitor is imprisoned in a military facility, but a scientist helps him escape, hoping to prove that mankind is worth saving. Sci-fi drama remake, starring Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly.

9.00 Film: Man on a Ledge. (2012) Premiere. An escaped convict climbs onto the outside of a skyscraper and threatens to jump. The police psychologist sent to talk him down begins to suspect there is an agenda behind this suspicious-seeming suicide bid, while the prisoner's brother takes advantage of the ensuing chaos to carry out a plan of his own. Thriller, with Sam Worthington, Jamie Bell, Elizabeth Banks and Ed Harris.

11.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop. (1984) A Detroit cop goes to Los Angeles to track down the killers of his friend, who are working for an untouchable drug kingpin. Comedy thriller, with Eddie Murphy and Judge Reinhold.

1.00 The Big Dirty List Show: 50 Years of Sex and Music. The most seductive songs from the past 50 years. (R) **2.30** Holyoaks. Ormibus. (R) **4.30** SuperScrimers' Challenge. (R) **5.25** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **11.30** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.25** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Bloody Tales of the Tower. (R) **1.55** Film: Submarine X-1. (1967) Second World War adventure, starring James Cagney. **3.40** Film: Torpedo Run. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Glenn Ford. **5.35** 5 News Weekend. **5.40** Film: Attack on the Iron Coast. (1968) Second World War drama, starring Lloyd Bridges.

7.25 Film: Battle of Britain. (1969) In 1940, the Luftwaffe launches a campaign of aerial attacks against Britain to gain control of the skies ahead of a planned land invasion. Under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding, the RAF mounts a determined defence over the summer and autumn, despite being heavily outnumbered and forced to match inexperienced pilots against German veterans. Second World War drama, starring Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine, Robert Shaw, Christopher Plummer, Harry Andrews, Trevor Howard and Curt Jurgens. Edited for violence and language.

10.00 Live International Boxing. Kid Galahad v Fred Mudrabay. Coverage of the bout for the vacant Commonwealth Super Bantamweight title, which comes from Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

12.00 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** 6Ps: Behind Closed Doors. Dr Ferdinand has to break the news of a woman's dementia to her children, while Dr Trinh fears a patient is putting herself at risk of a stroke by not taking blood pressure tablets. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. Josh prepares for an important meeting with the venue owner. Suraj's new break-time rule is ignored by his colleagues. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Ralph hogs the limelight at the Funky Festival by preventing the other acts from turning up. Chipolata awaits the delivery of her birthday presents. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. Wendy is scared of Fatima's mum because of her clothes. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. Angel Rafe uses musical instruments to show the children how to get along, in a bid to stop them from picking on each other for being different. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.15** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** American Dad! **2.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.30** Some Girls **4.00** Close **BBC Four**
7.00 Britain's Natural World – A Highland Haven **8.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00** Alan Bennett at 80: Bennett Meets Hyman **10.00** Talking Heads **11.30** The Many Faces of Les Dawson **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.10** Sounds of the 70s **2.40** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **2.40** Britain's Natural World – A Highland Haven **3.40** Close

ITV2
11.00 Tom Daley Goes Global **12.05** Britain's Got Talent **1.25** Britain's Got More Talent **2.35** You've Been Framed! **3.40** Totally You've Been Framed! **4.40** You've Been Framed! **5.10** Film: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent **9.00** You've Been Framed! **Top 100** Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Viral Tap **11.35** Britain's Got Talent **12.40** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Dads **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.35 A Touch of Frost **2.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.45** Foyle's War **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Touched by Frost: Goodbye Jack **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.30** Inspector Morse **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi Daredevils v Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians v Chennai Super Kings. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Britain **10.00** Film: Game of Death (2010) **12.10** Film: Backdraft (1991) **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 The Mindy Project **11.30** Rules of Engagement **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Youngers **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: The Dilemma (2011) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **12.15** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Rude Tube 2012 **2.25** 2 Broke Girls **3.15** How I Met Your Mother **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty

Film4
11.00 An Elephant Called Slowly (1970) **1.00** Lemmy Snickel's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **3.05** James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.35** Earthquake (1974) **6.55** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **9.00** Premonition (2007) **10.55** Wanted (2008) **1.00** Re-Animator (1985) **3.00** Close

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Suranne Jones and Anthony Gabriel

The Crimson Field (BBC1, 9pm)

Joan is charged with aiding the enemy, a crime for which she could face a lifetime in prison, and in her desperation to protect Anton, she tries to deflect Col Purbright's questions. As news of her treachery spreads through the hospital, Roland is accused of letting the rules slide, while Kitty is racked with guilt that she did nothing to stop her. Peter is reunited with his brother Jimmy, only to discover his sibling is frightened of war, and Rosalie feels conflicted after finding out about Kitty's divorce. First World War medical drama, starring Suranne Jones, Richard Rankin, Stephan Luca, Jeremy Swift, Alice St Clair, Oona Chaplin, Marianne Oldham and Hermione Norris.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.00** BBC News. **Weather.** **12.15** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time: 1.00pm). **3.15** Final Score. **5.30** Points of View. **5.45** Songs of Praise.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **Countryfile.** A visit to Lee Valley, which has provided a rural getaway for city dwellers in London, Essex and Hampshire for more than four decades. Ellie Harrison searches the area for wildlife and finds out what is being done to clean up its chalk streams, and Matt Baker meets the Sicilian siblings who have turned salad-growing into a thriving family business. Ellie also joins RNLI volunteers as they carry out essential flood-training exercises at the Olympic Water Park. On the farm, Adam Henson is searching for a new Gloucester bull to improve his herd, and Tom Heap searches for proof that climate change is affecting the British countryside. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to Exeter Cathedral, where more hopeful members of the public bring along treasured antiques and collectibles to hear their stories and find out their worth. Items include Chinese objects that reveal a family secret, artworks by the sculptor Elisabeth Frink, a doll that turns out to be one of the earliest ever featured on the show, and a map of the Battle of Waterloo drawn by an eyewitness.

9.00 **The Crimson Field.** Joan is interrogated by Col Purbright after being charged with aiding the enemy and Kitty feels guilty that she did nothing to stop her colleague. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the final Premier League matches of the season.

11.55 **The Millionaire Preacher: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa.** The presenter examines the boom in Pentecostal 'mega-churches' across the country by spending a week with millionaire Prophet Mboro.

12.55 Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 **Film:** His Kind of Woman. (1951) **8.00** **Countryfile.** (R) **9.00** **Gardeners' World.** (R) **9.30** **The Beechgrove Garden.** **10.00** **Saturday Kitchen** Ben Bites. **11.30** **Spring Kitchen** with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.15** **MOTD** Extra. **1.00** **Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day** team. **1.00** **Film:** An Ideal Husband. (1999) **Oscar Wilde** comedy drama, starring Kate Blanchett. **2.30** **Badminton Horse Trials.** Live coverage of the final day from Gloucestershire. **4.30** **Inspire: The Olympic Journey.** **5.00** **Flog It!**

6.00 **Escape to the Continent.** Documentary following people from Britain who are considering a move to Europe as they get a taste of life abroad, being shown competitively priced homes, amenities, potential employment openings and leisure opportunities. They also receive information about issues such as property law, local taxation and healthcare.

7.00 **Australia with Simon Reeve.** The author and adventurer continues his Australian journey in Kakadu, the country's largest national park, where he works through the night with a team committed to culling the poisonous feral cane toads that are threatening the region's wildlife. He then learns how to survive off the land using ancient Aboriginal knowledge as he heads out on patrol with a unique military unit in the remote northern Bush, before attempting to catch box jellyfish on Cape York Peninsula with a group of scientists who believe the species' deadly venom may have medicinal qualities. (R)

8.00 **The Best of Top Gear.** The team looks back at highlights of the motoring series, including the fastest new models and the most desirable classics.

9.00 **The Comedy Vaults: BBC Two's Hidden Treasures.**

10.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with Julia Zemiro, Tim Vine, Rob Brydon and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of jolly.

10.45 **Film: A Beautiful Mind.** (2001) Biopic of brilliant mathematician John Nash, whose genius was compromised by paranoid delusions and schizophrenia. Oscar-winning drama, starring Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany.

12.55 **Film:** Expired. (2007) **2.35** **Sing Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **3.30** **Holby City.** (R) **4.30** **This is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Dino Dan. **6.10** **Dino Dan.** (R) **6.25** **Matt Hatter Chronicles.** (R) **6.50** **Animals.** (R) **7.00** **Animals.** (R) **7.05** **Sooty.** (R) **7.20** **Digimon Fusion.** (R) **7.45** **Horrid Henry.** (R) **8.00** **Big Time Rush.** (R) **8.25** **ITV News.** **8.30** **Weekend.** **9.25** **May the Best House Win.** (R) **10.25** **Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey. (1993) **12.20** **ITV News.** **Weather.** **12.30** **Big Star's Little Star.** (R) **1.35** **All Star Family Fortunes.** (R) **2.20** **Britain's Got Talent.** (R) **3.20** **Let Me Entertain You.** (R) **3.50** **You've Been Framed!** (R) **4.20** **Midsomer Murders.** (R)

6.20 **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.30** **ITV News:** Weather.

6.45 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clips, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 **Off Their Rockers.** Seb learns the provocative dance move of twerking and gets tied to a lampost. Rosie strips to reveal rather unusual undergarments and Sonia's sat-nav has a mind of its own.

8.00 **Vera.** The body of a man killed by a single gunshot wound is discovered on the moors and a burnt-out truck containing the remains of a deer is found a mile away. Joe is convinced the case is a poaching war gone wrong, but for Vera, the truth is never that straightforward. Delving into the victim's story, she unearths a sad childhood in the country and a troubled life in the city, scraping by as a novelist. Following the recent death of his grandfather, he returned to Northumberland after a 15-year absence to sell his inheritance to a wealthy couple – but pulled out of the deal at the last minute. Could his death be linked to a dispute over land?

8.45 **Perspectives – Under My Skin: Emeli Sande in Search of Frida Kahlo.** The singer visits Mexico City to find out how her heroine overcame illness and a serious traffic accident to establish herself as one of the world's best-known female artists.

11.00 **ITV News:** Weather. **11.15** **Premiership Rugby Union.** **12.10** **The Store.** **2.40** **Motorsport UK.** **3.30** **ITV Nightshows.** **4.10** **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **5.05** **Rory Bremner's Great British Videos.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 **British GT.** **6.40** **How I Met Your Mother.** **7.30** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.30** **Frasier.** (R) **9.00** **Fraser.** (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch.** **12.35** **Secret Eaters.** (R) **1.40** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.40** **The Simpsons.** (R) **3.10** **Film:** Ever After: A Cinderella Story. (1998) **5.30** **Deal or No Deal.**

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Posh Pawn.** Former model Cathy brings in her collection of designer bags and jewellery, hoping to secure a £50,000 loan to help her launch a lingerie business, while Prestige boss James Constantinou attracts unwanted attention when he goes for a spin in a client's Ferrari. A woman wants to pawn her grandfather's First World War medals to raise money for her mother's funeral, and an inventor decides to part with his precious watch. (R)

8.00 **For the Love of Cars.** From its revolutionary design and front-wheel drive, to its conquering record as a track and rally car, the Mini Cooper MkI was the small car with the big heart driven by royalty. 1960s superstars and ordinary members of the public. Ant Anstead tracks one down at the back of a barn in Dublin and gets to work restoring the vehicle to its former glory, while Philip Glenister meets Formula 1 legend Stirling Moss, who takes a Mini for a spin around one of the nation's most dangerous roads.

9.00 **Fargo.** When Gus tries to right a wrong, Malvo embraces his alter ego, while Lester finds himself in a surprising situation and Molly uncovers a promising lead in the murder investigation. Black comedy-drama based on the Coen brothers' Oscar-winning film, starring Martin Freeman.

10.05 **Film: Season of the Witch.** (2011) Two knights escort a suspected witch to trial during the Black Death, but are not prepared for the powers she possesses. Fantasy adventure, with Nicolas Cage and Ron Perlman.

11.55 **Film: Underworld: Evolution.** (2006) A vampire warrior fights to stop the eldest of her race from unleashing the deadly first werewolf on the world. Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale.

1.45 **Southland.** **2.30** **The Hotel.** (R) **3.30** **Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners.** (R) **4.25** **SuperScrippers.** (R) **4.50** **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** (R) **4.55** **Deal or No Deal.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15** **Fifi and the Flowerets.** (R) **6.25** **Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.40** **The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50** **Chloe's Closet.** **7.00** **Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10** **Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.20** **Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.35** **City of Friends.** (R) **7.50** **Little Princess.** (R) **8.00** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.15** **Milkshake! Monkey.** (R) **8.20** **Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.35** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **8.40** **Rupert Bear.** (R) **8.55** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15** **Jelly Jam.** (R) **9.30** **LazyTown.** (R) **10.00** **Access.** **10.05** **The Dog Rescuers.** (R) **10.40** **Beware! Cowboy Builders.** (R) **11.40** **The Nightmarer.** (R) **12.40** **Film:** Mrs Caldwell's Cabbage War. (2003)

Comedy drama, starring Pauline Collins. **2.50** **Film:** The Canterville Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. **4.40** **Film:** Pocahontas. (1995) **6.10** **5 News Weekend.**

6.15 **Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.** (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content.

8.00 **Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen.** (2003) Characters from the world of Victorian literature join forces to stop a villain from starting a world war. Comic-book fantasy adventure, starring Sean Connery and Shane West. Edited for violence.

10.00 **Film: The Bucket List.** (2007) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

11.50 **The Woman with 40 Cats – and Other Pet Healers.** Documentary giving an insight into the lives of people whose love of animals has become an obsession, including a retired secretary who shares her home with 40 cats. (R)

12.50 **True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.** (R) **1.15** **SuperCasino.** **3.10** **7/7: Commuter Garage.** Minute by Minute. (R) **4.00** **Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.25** **Make It Big.** (R) **4.50** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.10** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.20** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.30** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 **Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights** **7.40** **Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) **10.00** **In the Flesh** **11.00** **Family Guy** **11.45** **American Dad!** **12.10** **Jonah from Tonga** **12.40** **In the Flesh** **1.40** **The Call Centre** **2.40** **Great Movie Mistakes: Revenge of the Fifth** **3.00** **In the Flesh** **4.00** **Close**

BBC Four
7.00 **Film:** The Wooden Horse (1950) **8.45** **Wild Scotland** **9.00** **An Englishman Abroad** **10.00** **The Sky at Night** **10.30** **Dinner at Noon** **11.10** **Krakatoa Revealed** **12.00** **The Wonder of Bees with Martha Kearney** **12.30** **When Rock Goes Acoustic** **1.30** **Acoustic at the BBC** **2.30** **The Rolling Stones at the BBC** **3.15** **Sounds of the 70s** **3.45** **Close**

ITV2
12.20 **You've Been Framed!** **12.55** **Film:** The Iron Giant (1999) **2.40** **Film:** Zookeeper (2011) **4.40** **Britain's Got Talent** **5.45** **Britain's Got More Talent** **6.45** **You've Been Framed!** **7.15** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith (2005) **10.00** **Viral Top** **10.50** **Film:** License to Wed (2007) **12.40** **Viral Top** **1.20** **You've Been Framed and Famous!** **2.15** **The Vampire Diaries** **3.00** **Teleshopping**

ITV3
12.50 **Bertie and Elizabeth** **2.55** **Rosemary & Thyme** **3.55** **Film:** Black Beauty (1994) **5.45** **Inspector Morse** **8.00** **The Zoo** **9.00** **Birds of a Feather** **9.30** **Vicious** **10.05** **Film:** Scabiscuit (2003) **12.55** **William and Mary** **1.55** **Agatha Christie's Marple** **3.40** **Emmerdale**

ITV4
11.00 **Live Indian Premier League Cricket.** Kings XI Punjab v Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bangalore v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** **Premiership Rugby Union** **9.00** **Cycling: Women's Tour of Britain** **10.00** **Film:** Tin Cup (1996) **12.45** **Warren United** **1.15** **Back on the Job:** Christian O'Connell **2.15** **Motorsport Patrol** **2.40** **ITV4 Nightscreen** **3.00** **Teleshopping** **3.30** **The Store** **5.00** **Teleshopping**

E4
12.30 **Youngers** **1.00** **Made in Chelsea** **2.05** **Revenge** **3.00** **How I Met Your Mother** **4.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **5.00** **The Tomorrow People** **6.00** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **6.30** **The Big Bang Theory** **7.00** **Troy** **8.00** **Film:** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **10.15** **The Inbetweeners** **11.25** **The Big Bang Theory** **12.20** **Rude Tube** **2011** **2.20** **Troy** **2.20** **Rules of Engagement** **3.10** **2 Broke Girls** **3.30** **Hollyoaks**

Film4
11.00 **The Black Tent** (1956) **1.00** **Crocodile Dundee** (1986) **2.50** **Horton Hears a Who!** (2008) **4.35** **Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (1992) **6.55** **27 Dresses** (2008) **9.00** **Bridesmaids** (2011) **11.25** **Mona Lisa** (1996) **1.30** **We Went to War** (2012) **3.15** **Close**

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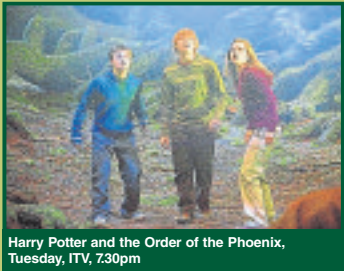
Film Choices

MONDAY

Trial by Fire, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A firefighter is wrongly blamed for the death of her father, hours before he was due to retire from the department. Eager to prove herself to her peers, she sets out to join an elite squad of smoke jumpers who are expected to leap from planes into the heart of a blaze. Action thriller, starring Brooke Burns, Erin Karpluk, Rick Ravanello and Robert Moloney. (2008)

TUESDAY

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, ITV, 7.30pm
The young wizard struggles to convince his fellow sorcerers that the evil Lord Voldemort has returned to life. When Hogwarts headmaster Dumbledore is ousted in favour of a sadistic replacement, Harry realises he must take matters into his own hands, uniting his fellow pupils to form a secret army and training them for the inevitable confrontation to come. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Gary Oldman, Michael Gambon and Alan Rickman. (2007)



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WEDNESDAY

Tomorrow Never Dies, ITV, 10.35pm
James Bond joins forces with a Chinese agent to foil a media mogul's scheme to start a war between their countries. Using an undetectable stealth ship, the press baron plans an attack on both nations' navies, knowing they will blame each other – giving him exclusive global media coverage of the resulting conflict. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan. (1997)

THURSDAY

Jane Doe: The Wrong Face, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The former government agent is called back into action after kidnappers abduct a district attorney's wife during plastic surgery – meaning nobody knows what the victim now looks like. The criminals demand the release of the defendant in a money-laundering trial, but the accused denies all knowledge of the crime. Thriller, starring Lea Thompson and Jessy Schram. (2005)

FRIDAY

The World Is Not Enough, ITV, 10.35pm
James Bond is assigned to protect the heiress of an oil dynasty after her father is killed in a bombing at MI6 headquarters. The attack is the work of an infamous terrorist who is unable to feel pain after surviving a gunshot to his head, and who now intends to destroy the world's supply of oil. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle, Sophie Marceau and Robbie Coltrane. (1999)

Pick of the Week

Make a note to tune in to tonight's contest

Bue, Engelbert Humperdinck, Bonnie Tyler – over the last few years, the UK has sent some pretty big names to Eurovision. And let's be honest, the results have been underwhelming.

So, this year it seems the powers-that-be have taken a different approach, and picked a rising star instead, in the form of Moly and her song Children of the Universe.

Not that the singer, whose full name is Moly Smitten-Downes, is a total novice when it comes to performing in musical competitions. In 2012, she picked up the Best Urban/Pop Act prize at Live and Unsigned, and in 2013 won Best Song at the Best of British Unsigned Music Awards.

However, she admits Eurovision is in a slightly different league.

She says: "Oh, hands down it is the biggest audience I'll ever have performed in front of – I don't think it really gets much bigger as a platform, performing to so many people across a whole continent."

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Moly is performing in Eurovision Song Contest 2014, Saturday, BBC1, 8pm



Best of the Rest

MONDAY

The Greatest Ever War Movies Channel 5, 9pm

Back in May 2005, Channel 4 broadcast a two-part rundown of the 100 best war films ever made, as voted for by viewers. In the nine years since then, a few more movies have been made in the genre that could be added to it, but it's hard to imagine that this list will be much different. Those in the know at Channel 5 are keeping quiet about which films come where in the chart, but if the likes of The Dam Busters, Apocalypse Now, The Great Escape and Saving Private Ryan don't crop up, we'll eat our berets. And if the likes of Where Eagles Dare and The Bridge on the River Kwai are missing, Channel 5 will have a battle with many an armchair critic on their hands.

Copacabana Palace

BBC2, 9pm

When you read the title of this programme, don't tell us that the lyrics of Barry Manilow's famous song didn't run through your head, because we won't believe you. But did you know that the tune was inspired by a conversation Manilow had with writer Bruce Sussman during a stay at the Copacabana Hotel in Rio de Janeiro? It opened in August 1923 and in the years since has featured in the 1933 film Flying Down to Rio, and has also provided luxurious rooms for such famous names as Madonna, Michael Jackson, Marilyn Monroe, Orson Welles, Diana, Princess of Wales, Elton John, Pavarotti and Justin Bieber. This documentary charts three months in the hotel's life, following its staff and guests. David Morrissey narrates.

TUESDAY

Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic Channel 5, 8pm

Adventure! Ben Fogle must have learned how to deal with his itchy feet by now after years of globetrotting, but there's one thing sure to keep Ben in one place for a longer stint of time – his love of animals. So for this new series, he's setting up camp at the University of Liverpool's Leahurst campus, which is home to one of the UK's top veterinary colleges. In this first episode, staff treat a horse called Polo who is at serious risk of dying from colic, and in the small animal clinic, Paolo Silvestrini treats a rescue kitten that can't stop sneezing.

WEDNESDAY

Watchdog BBC1, 8pm

Once upon a time, people who were unsatisfied with the level of customer service they had received usually had to make do with writing a strongly worded letter. Now, they can very publicly vent their frustration all over social media and review sites. So, do we still need Watchdog? Well, it seems we do, as the consumer show is back for a new series. Not only can Anne Robinson, Matt Allwright and Chris Hollins fight our corner, but they can also expose rogue traders and warn us who to look out for. In the first episode, they turn their attention to a major car manufacturer that has been accused of being dishonest about safety testing.

Billy Connolly's Big Send Off BBC1, 9pm

The comedian concludes his journey exploring attitudes toward death and dying. In his native Glasgow, he visits the Necropolis Cemetery, a Victorian burial ground full of striking gravestones and grand monuments to the dead. He then travels to the Anatomy Laboratory in the University of California as he explores what happens when bodies are donated to medical science. Finally, Billy gains a personal insight into death from a dying man who has embraced his fate and forgiven himself for his former sins.

THURSDAY

The Food Inspectors BBC1, 8pm

Matt Allwright, Chris Hollins and Gaby Roslin – now there's a tough-talking trio you wouldn't fancy your chances crossing. So food outlets be warned – as this new series kicks off, they're out and about with the food inspectors to protect the public from unhygienic restaurants and potentially harmful food. In this first instalment, Matt investigates how clean supermarkets really are by sending an undercover team to 10 London stores to test for levels of

bacteria. Meanwhile, Gaby and Chris discover what's in ice-cream as they investigate the difference between soft scoop and dairy, and learn how to make both before offering them to schoolchildren for a taste test.

FRIDAY

Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis ITV, 8pm

It's the last in the series, and the Davis family are finishing off their tour in Lancashire, beginning with a trip to the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Regular viewers of Coronation Street and Strictly Come Dancing will know that this is a place where dreams are made, but Warwick's son Harrison initially seems unsure as his family try to coax him onto the dance floor. Their next destination is the seaside resort's famous illuminations, and Warwick has the honour of switching on the lights – but he's glad he's not taking responsibility for the electricity bill. .

MasterChef: The Finals

BBC1, 8.30pm

Eight weeks ago, the distinctive husky tones of India Fisher marked the start of another series of MasterChef. Since then, 57 of the original 60 amateur cooks have fallen by the wayside, leaving tonight's trio battling it out to succeed last year's victor Natalie Coleman as champion. All that stands between them and the title are three courses of perfect grub, so they'll be pulling out all the stops to impress judges John Torode and Gregg Wallace with spicy starters, mouth-watering mains and delicious desserts.



Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic, Tuesday, Channel 5, 8pm

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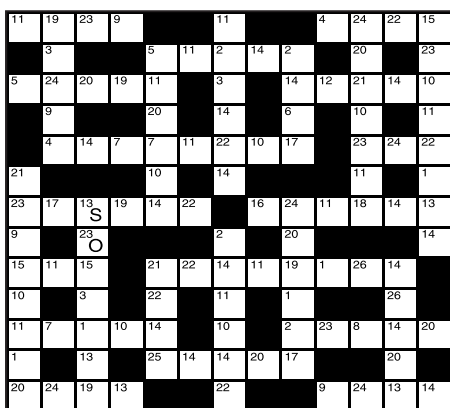
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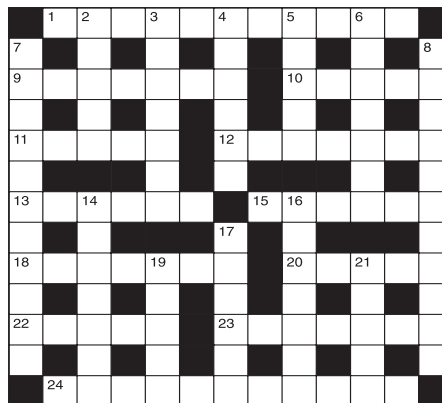
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Didn't succeed in crossing the ice? (4,7)
9. Lets hit out at a symbol of Scotland (7)
10. Engagement ring from one who will care, naturally! (5)
11. Such zest is nothing more than wind! (5)
12. His choice will get cross (7)
13. Feel in form, like a cat (6)
15. Five have a good look round, but go hungry (6)
18. Supervise the making of some plain spectacles (7)
20. Pole on the run (5)
22. I get shot about in the lift (5)
23. It has wings and flies (7)
24. You can get away with it! (6,5)

Down

2. Gives out the wrong times (5)
3. Drop in disappointment (3-4)
4. Carried out shoe repairs as listed (6)
5. Give people your address? (5)
6. Bigger and better (7)
7. Dramatic attack of nerves (5,6)
8. It's fine when we get it! (4,7)
14. A fool tells fibs about girls (7)
16. One of the main dangers of war (7)
17. Representation of astute formation (6)
19. More for the bit player (5)
21. Just the group to play an eightsome reel? (5)



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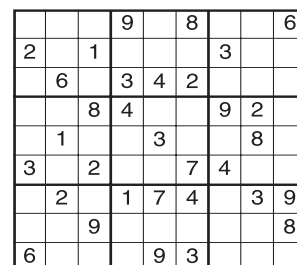
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20. Talisman (5)
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Down

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3. Sloth (7)
4. Light science (6)
5. Imbecile (5)
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LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
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Three-bedroom detached home has been extended



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Attractively decorated throughout and ideal for a family, it is for sale through Connells at £320,000.

It has an entrance hallway, lounge with French doors to the garden, study, dining room, kitchen, utility, bathroom, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes) and a bathroom and separate WC.

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It is for sale through Bakers at £179,995. The house has central heating and double glazing, an entrance porch, entrance hall, extended lounge/diner with an archway to the dining area and rear doors to the garden, lobby, cloakroom, kitchen, a formal dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, garage and mature, private rear garden with a decking area forming a patio/barbecue, lawn, flower beds and borders and a side gate to the front.

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£329,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



TIPTON

WILDAY CLOSE
We are pleased to market this well presented and improved modern detached property which comprises to the ground floor of entrance hallway, cloakroom/wc, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, first floor landing, three bedrooms of which the master benefits from en-suite and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a rear garden, block paved driveway leading to the garage. EPC Rating Is Grade C
£174,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



KINGSWINFORD

HONEYTREE CLOSE
AN EXTENDED AND WELL PRESENTED LINK DETACHED HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN! We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed extended link detached property comprising to the ground floor of an entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, extended fitted kitchen, utility room and garage. To the first floor, the landing gives access to three bedrooms and a fitted bathroom. Externally there is a driveway providing parking to the front and an enclosed rear garden. EPC
£155,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



BILSTON

CATHERINE ROAD
FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING A GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE AND CONSERVATORY! This is a gas central heated and double glazed property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hallway, bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, lounge and conservatory, landing, three further bedrooms and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway to the front and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaiting
£147,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



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ATTINGHAM AVENUE
A four bedroom semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of an entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, lobby, cloakroom, landing, four bedroom and family bathroom. Externally there is parking and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaiting
£139,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



WOODSETTON

BENNETT AVENUE
REDUCED! We are pleased to bring to the market this improved bay fronted semi detached property which has the benefit of a gas fired central heating system. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, first floor landing, three bedrooms and a bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway providing off road parking and an extensive, enclosed rear garden. EPC - E
130000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



UPPER GORNAL

ASKEW CLOSE
WE ARE PLEASED TO BRING TO THE MARKET THIS WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACE PROPERTY offering accommodation which briefly comprises an entrance porch into hallway, lounge and modern kitchen on the ground floor whilst to the first floor a landing gives access to three bedrooms and a bathroom with separate WC. Externally there is a garden to the front and rear with garage and driveway providing off road parking. A viewing is highly recommended. The EPC Rating is Grade D
£129,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



RUSSELLS HALL ESTATE

KETLEY HILL ROAD
A double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached property occupying a corner plot. The property is approached via driveway parking, the entrance porch leads into the entrance hall & the ground floor rooms comprising through lounge/diner, kitchen & utility room. To the first floor the landing leads to three bedrooms the principal bedroom located to the front & the bathroom. The garden mainly has a patio & lawn. EPC Awaiting
£125,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



DUDLEY

UPLANDS ROAD
A MUCH IMPROVED AND WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY double glazed and gas central heated three bedroom semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hall, through lounge, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and shower room/wc whilst to the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. EPC Rating Is Grade D
£124,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



UPPER GORNAL

ROFORD COURT
Improved gas centrally heated & double glazed mid townhouse comprising to the ground floor entrance porch, hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining room, rear vestibule, ground floor cloakroom. To the first floor landing, three bedrooms and the refitted house - shower room. Externally rear garden & garage en bloc. EPC Rating D
£120,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



RUSSELLS HALL ESTATE

GRENVILLE ROAD
NO UPWARD CHAIN!!!!!! A double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached residence comprising to the ground floor entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, shower room. Externally having driveway parking provided & enclosed rear garden. EPC - D
£115,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



DUDLEY

CHESTNUT AVENUE
THREE BEDROOMS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED A very well presented three bedroom and terraced property situated in a convenient location for access to Dudley town centre. The accommodation briefly comprises lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a modern bathroom. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC grade E
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DUDLEY

PROSPECT RD
MODERN TWO BEDROOM PROPERTY, EARLY VIEWING RECOMMENDED! This gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached property comprises entrance hallway, fitted kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, lounge having french doors to the rear garden, landing, two double bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. Other features include it's close proximity to the town centre & driveway parking & rear garden. EPC Rating C
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DUDLEY

FOURWINDS ROAD
A double glazed & gas centrally heated mid townhouse comprising to the ground floor entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, to the first floor landing, three bedrooms & bathroom. Externally having front & rear gardens & no upward chain. EPC rating awaited
£100,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



PUBLIC NOTICE

HIGHLAND ROAD, DUDLEY, DY1
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£34,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

LET
Similar Properties Required

MARMION GROVE
●●●CUL-DE-SAC●●● A three bedroom semi detached house in quiet location. Has two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs wc, three bedrooms and bathroom on the 1st floor. Double glazing and central heating. Driveway and garage. Very large garden to the rear.
£570 P/M DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

LET
Similar Properties Required

CAMBRIDGE ROAD
We are pleased to market this gas central heated, three bedroomed semi detached property with no upward chain. The property comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, cloakroom, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom. Externally there is a driveway.
£550 P/M DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

TO LET

QUEENS CROSS
EPC - D. A lovely two bedroom property located in close proximity of Dudley town & comprises lounge, large kitchen diner, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is parking provided to the rear of the property.
£450 P/M DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

LET
Similar Properties Required

CAVELL RD
●●●MODERN●●● A 3 bedroom semi detached in the popular Dudley area is an offer for rent. Viewing is recommended to appreciate the standard of accommodation, with new carpets, high glass kitchen, downstairs wc, utility, modern bathroom. Large rear garden.
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DUDLEY

TO LET

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●●●LARGE●●● Your Move offer for let this large three bedroom residence having two reception rooms, kitchen and wet room to ground floor, to the first floor having three good size bedrooms and bathroom. Gas central heating and double glazing. DSS ACCEPTED.
£480 P/M DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY

TO LET

GREEN PARK ROAD
●●●EPC Rating E●●● Semi Detached
● Two Double Bedrooms
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● Double Glazing
● Drive ● Beautifully Presented
£475 P/M DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON

LET
Similar Properties Required

BONNEVILLE CLOSE
●●●Modern Two Bedroom Apartment
●●●EPC - B
●●●Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
●●●Bathroom ● Double Glazing
●●●Allocated Parking
£495 P/M DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

RUSSELLS HALL ESTATE

TO LET

HAWKESLEY ROAD
Your Move are pleased to offer this well presented 2 bedroom property in Dudley, within easy reach of Russells Hall Hospital as well as Dudley town centre. Comprising of through lounge, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, a rear garden and driveway to front. DSS.
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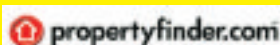


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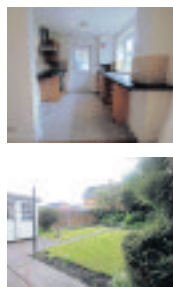
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TIPTON Gordon Drive



Situated on a generous corner plot this three bedroom detached house really is a must view. Briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/dining room, family bathroom to the first floor. Outside there are gardens to the front, side and rear a brick built storage cupboard, garage and driveway. No upward chain.

£159,950

Swindon Swin Forge Way



Delightfully located this three bedroom modern style detached occupying a unique canal-side setting at the end of a private drive in a sought after village position and near glorious Staffordshire countryside. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, large fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory, downstairs wc, ensuite and dressing room to master bedroom, family bathroom. Outside there is a landscaped garden with gated access to the canal, extensive driveway parking and a detached garage.

£325,000

Dudley Scotts Green Close



Set in this highly desirable location this three bedroom semi detached house offers porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear. The property is within walking distance to Russells Hall hospital and has easy access to local schools and excellent transport links

£179,950

TIVIDALE Hill Road



A modern mid town house with three double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, integral garage, off road parking and a garden to the rear. No upward chain

£114,950

BILSTON Whitegates Road



Realistically priced!! This three bedroom detached really is a must view!! Briefly comprising lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom with a separate wc, rear garden, garage and a driveway. EPC = G

£140,000

TIVIDALE Regent Road



Beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom semi detached house with a converted garage offering a fourth bedroom with wet room. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen, conservatory, gardens to the front and rear and ample off road parking. No upward chain

£149,950

DUDLEY Scotts Green Close



This detached three bedroom house is within walking distance to Russells Hall hospital and has great schools close by along with easy access to motorway links. A great family home so call now to arrange your viewing. EPC = D

£149,950

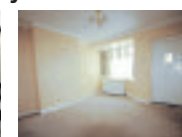
DUDLEY Linwood Road



A three bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, breakfast kitchen, family bathroom, laundry room, garden to the rear and driveway to the front

£84,950

Netherton Cradley Road



Extended two bedroom semi detached tards!! This property really is bigger than it looks. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising lounge, second reception room, extended kitchen/breakfast room, shower room. Beautiful rear garden and a driveway to the front. EPC Ordered

£120,000

TIPTON Bagnalls Wharf



Located on the "Hodkins Place" Barratt Homes estate this immaculate two bedroom ground floor apartment briefly comprises of hallway, lounge with kitchen area, en-suite to master bedroom, allocated parking and a secure entry system. EPC = D

£79,950

Tipton Whitehouse Street



Beautifully presented and particularly spacious benefiting from a tandem garage and a generous size garden this three bedroom semi detached house really is a must view. Also comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted shower room and a driveway to the front of the property.

£125,950

NETHERTON Bell Road



Located in the heart of Netherton this three bedroom mid terraced house is a tards. Shops and public transport links are all within walking distance along with local schools. Call now to appreciate the accommodation on offer

£109,950

ROWLEY REGIS Royal Oak Road



Off road parking!! Bigger than it looks!! This three bedroom mid terraced really does need to be viewed to appreciate the size. Benefiting from newly fitted kitchen and bathroom also comprising two reception rooms, downstairs wc, front and rear gardens and off road parking to the rear.

£90,000 oieo

NETHERTON Castleton Street



Off road parking to the rear!! This extended two bedroom semi detached house has lots of space to offer. Located in the heart of Netherton town centre with shops within walking distance along with public transport links and easy access to the motorway corridors. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, dining kitchen with integrated cooker, washing machine, dishwasher and fridge, upstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms and a garden to the rear. EPC = D

£85,500

NETHERTON Gads Green



A beautifully presented, spacious four bedroom detached property briefly comprising of downstairs WC lounge with a walk-in-bay, dining room with patio doors to the rear garden, modern fitted kitchen with breakfast area, spacious master bedroom having fitted wardrobes and en-suite, family bathroom, garage with internal access. Delightful large rear garden with a patio area and ample off road parking. EPC = C

£239,950

TIPTON Edwards Fisher



Corner plot location! Ample off road parking that could facilitate a caravan. Walking distance to Tipton train station. This property also benefits from an entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen/dining room, en-suite and family bathroom, rear garden. No upward chain!

£112,950

Tividale Elm Terrace



A two bedroom semi detached house which is immaculate throughout and briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway and a good sized garden to the rear

£110,000 o/o

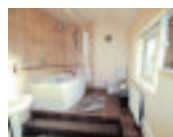
Dudley Hackett Drive



A beautifully presented modern three bedroom semi detached house. Offering generous accommodation and briefly comprising reception hallway, guest WC, fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor and a master bedroom with en suite shower room on the second floor. Driveway to front, low maintenance paved and graveled garden to the rear and further parking space.

£134,995

Dudley Parkhead Crescent



FOUR BEDROOMS! This property really does have the wow factor! Extended and improved to a very high standard and offering everything you could wish for in a family home. Briefly comprising lounge, office room, dining area, family room, kitchen, utility area, downstairs wc, family bathroom and a generous size garden.

£125,000 oieo

DUDLEY Occupation Street



Recently refurbished two bedroom mid terraced house. Having two DOUBLE bedrooms and two reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen and a downstairs bathroom suite, rear garden and NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC = F

£79,950

DUDLEY Buffery Road



A beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, delightful rear garden, garage and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended!

£159,950

TIVIDALE Raby Close



Located on the popular red lion estate this demanded three bedroom semi detached house offers a dining kitchen, driveway and rear garden. There are shops within walking distance and public transport links within easy reach. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC = D

£122,000

Brierley Hill Terrace Street



● REALISTICALLY PRICED ● A beautifully presented and well maintained three bedroom detached house. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front.

£139,995

LOWER GORNAL Five ways Court



A modern three storey, three bedroom mid terraced house available on a 50% shared ownership basis with hallway, lounge, downstairs wc, secure entry system with allocated parking and garden to the rear

£69,950

DUDLEY Five Ways Court



Available on 50% share basis this is an amazing two bedroom apartment with far reaching views from the lounge window. With secure gated entrance and walking distance to Gornal village this will appeal to everyone so call now to arrange your viewing

£49,950

SEDGLEY Queens Road



A well presented three bed detached property in a popular area, with good local transport links and near to local amenities. With double glazing and central heating, downstairs WC, lounge with patio doors to the garden, separate lounge, fitted kitchen, upstairs has three bedrooms with house bathroom, WC with shower over the bath. Private rear garden, off road parking and single garage with front and side access. Viewing recommended. EPC = D

£179,950

DUDLEY Blackacre Road



CALLING ALL INVESTORS - PRICED TO SELL QUICKLY. CALL NOW TO SECURE YOUR VIEWING Four bedrooms and two receptions this property really is bigger than it looks! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, second reception room, kitchen/dining room, family bathroom to the first floor, garage, rear garden and off road parking.

£109,950

DUDLEY Attingham Drive



A modern one bedroom freehold house with hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen with french door to balcony, mezzanine floor, shower room and allocated parking space. EPC = C

£86,950



24 HILLMAN DRIVE £299,950
DUDLEY
•Spacious & modern detached house
•Four bedrooms, three reception rooms
•Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
•Second bedroom with en-suite dressing room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



11 PORTLAND CRESCENT £222,500
PEDMORE
•Well proportioned semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Attractively landscaped gardens
•Sought after residential area of Stourbridge
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



11 GOWER ROAD, SEDGLEY £225,000
•Improved & enhanced detached bungalow with two bedrooms
•Impressive lounge with feature fireplace & dining area
•Comprehensively refitted kitchen & re-fitted shower room
•Rear garden adjoins open fields with superb panoramic views
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



35 TURLS HILL ROAD £154,950
SEDGLEY
•Semi detached house with three bedrooms
•Attractively presented accommodation
•Conservatory & side utility area
•Attractively landscaped level private rear garden
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



438 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £149,950
COSELEY
•Semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Extended & improved
•Spacious accommodation
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



FLAT 10 THE LIMES, HIMLEY £179,950
•Modern first floor apartment on over 55's development
•Lift access to spacious two bedroom accommodation
•Spacious lounge & dining area, ensuite shower room & bathroom
•Delightful landscaped gardens with two allocated car parking spaces
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING B



28 DUDDING ROAD £169,950
GOLDTHORN PARK
•Detached bungalow
•Two bedrooms & two reception rooms
•Gas central heating & double glazing
•Private rear garden
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



6 CAMBERLEY CRESCENT, WOLVERHAMPTON £164,950
•Improved & enhanced traditional semi detached house
•Three bedrooms, through lounge & dining room
•Additional sitting room & utility room, downstairs wc
•Sited on the popular Ettingshall Park Estate
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



21 HALL STREET £124,950
CRADLEY HEATH
•Modern semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Well proportioned accommodation
•Gas central heating
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



16 EVE LANE £124,950
UPPER GORNAL
•Detached end terrace house
•Two bedrooms, two reception rooms
•Attractive rear garden
•Parking available
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING TBC



130 MOUNT ROAD £115,000
LANESFIELD
•Traditional semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Larger than average plot
•Large private rear garden
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



1 SOUTH OVAL £114,950
UPPER GORNAL
•End terrace house
•Three bedrooms
•Two reception rooms
•Gas central heating & double glazing
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



9 DARBY CLOSE £99,950
WOODCROSS
•End terrace house
•Three bedrooms
•Spacious accommodation
•Occupying a corner position
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



14 CROSSLEY STREET £99,950
DUDLEY
•Modern detached bungalow
•Well maintained accommodation
•Gas central heating & double glazing
•Shower room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



4 POOL STREET £89,995
DUDLEY
•Terraced house
•Two bedrooms
•Deceptive accommodation
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Barnett Lane

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Court Crescent

Superbly located within this extremely sought after address and well placed for the area's highly regarded local schooling, this SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, spacious fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted 'classic white' bathroom. Set back beyond the TARMAC DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a level patio / lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Stream Road

Pleasantly located within the slip road section of this much sought after address, overlooking an attractive green with established trees, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED & BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS accommodation which is ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED / PRESENTED throughout and comprising: entrance hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, extended & attractively refitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE), beautifully re-appointed bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With attractive fore gardens, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a SECLUDED / BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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WITHYMOOR VILLAGE



Bagnall Walk

This IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, double glazed (with vast majority of units being UPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED / IMPROVED by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The STYLISH PROPERTY briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, fabulous "L shape" EXTENDED / RE-FITTED DINING KITCHEN with a fine range of units, utility, guest w.c. three good bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite, garage, driveway, and a neat rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

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Blenheim Road

A SUPERB MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE with a 90' rear garden and private rear aspect, well placed within the sought after 'Crestwood Park' development, offering VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, large attractive Lounge through to Dining Room area, fitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and modern Bathroom. DRIVEWAY, front garden, GARAGE and the large rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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NO UPWARD CHAIN

Barnett Green

Delightfully situated upon highly sought after 'The Paddock', just a short walk from local shops within nearby Barnett Lane, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW offers SPACIOUS accommodation which REQUIRES UPDATING THROUGHOUT, yet still providing FANTASTIC POTENTIAL and well planned to include: reception hall, spacious large lounge, kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom; STORAGE HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With low maintenance paved forecourt, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasant, level patio / lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

QUARRY BANK



Evers Street

Having been subjected to a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and improvement, this most attractive, UPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOMS, DETACHED Family Home is situated in a popular residential location and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the impressive property briefly comprises: welcoming Hall, Guest WC, stylish Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen with a fine range of units, adjacent Garden/Dining Room, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (with en-suite to Master), Re-Fitted Bathroom with white suite, and a neat, lawned GARDEN. EPC Rating TBA. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950

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Sandyfields Road

An imposing, fastidiously maintained, and tremendously enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached family residence enviably situated in favoured district with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear, and within walking distance of so many amenities, schools, and country park. The ENLARGED accommodation provides; imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, through lounge, separate dining room, recently refitted 20 ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units/integrated appliances (and double French doors out to the garden); Garage is currently utilised as a store/utility room. FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS (three with fitted units/wardrobes), reapointed tiled bathroom with a white traditional style suite. Magnificent lengthy landscaped rear garden with patio, and external lighting. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £365,000

Swindon



The Holloway

A DELIGHTFUL and SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a sought after village location with a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN, ideal for children. The accommodation is IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, WELL PRESENTED, includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and offers: reception hall, ground floor w.c., a large attractive lounge, large extended 18' second sitting room with dining area, study/ garden room, extended 18' kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS (bedrooms one and two with wardrobes) and luxury refitted shower room. Front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and the EXTENSIVE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT "SUNNY" REAR GARDENS with pleasant views and seclusion. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£234,950

COSELEY



Southall Crescent

CONSTRUCTED IN 2008 (and covered by balance of NHBC), a particularly SPACIOUS, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted detached set at head of lengthy block paved private driveway & comprising canopy porch, imposing 17ft reception hall, cloak, fitted cloakroom, through lounge with patio doors through to UPVC double glazed/brick CONSERVATORY, well equipped kitchen with fine range of units & a utility room. THREE GENEROUS DOUBLE BEDROOMS (two with fitted/built in wardrobes & principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved parking, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £230,000

Dudley



Abbotsford Drive

Superbly located, this SUBSTANTIAL and DECEPTIVE DETACHED 'DORMER' FAMILY HOME enjoys a desirable location and a LARGE layout of FLEXIBLE & QUALITY accommodation, comprising: Large central Reception Hall with 'light oak' staircase, generous 22' full depth Lounge with Dining Area, CONSERVATORY/GARDEN ROOM, spacious Breakfast Kitchen with built-in appliances, ground floor WC, ground floor BEDROOM 3/office, TWO LARGE DOUBLE FITTED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and spacious Heritage Bathroom with separate shower. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING. Front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, LARGE GARAGE and a LARGE LEVEL REAR GARDEN with decking and lawns. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950

COSELEY



Gough Road

A distinctive highly individual three/four bedroom, gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed detached family home of character occupying a prominent corner plot with substantial CONTRACTORS GARAGE and secured parking. Many fine period features remain and the tremendously enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, store, lounge, through dining room, breakfast kitchen with further utility section and separate toilet. Principle bedroom with intercommunicating bedroom three and two further bedrooms, bathroom, delightful excellently tended gardens, established caravan parking area, garage (21'4 x 16'4"). EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

DUDLEY



Lauriston Close, "Earls Keep"

This immaculately presented, fastidiously maintained, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family home is situated at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of the accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c. Three good bedrooms (principal with en suite), bathroom with white suite, Garage, driveway and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Rodway Close, Ettingshall Park

SPACIOUS, significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached in short cul de sac with views towards fields. Tremendous accommodation includes reception hall, 22ft through living/dining room, CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with fine range of 'shaker' style units & various integrated appliances, laundry/utility room, separate toilet, small study/office, gallery landing, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, large bathroom with white suite, ample parking, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000

DUDLEY



Richborough Drive

Enviably situated, overlooking open space with tremendous spacious UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY, a much enhanced gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached in favoured neighbourhood with superb accommodation including reception hall, store, upgraded fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge, magnificent conservatory. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reapointed shower room en suite), upgraded bathroom with white suite. Gated drive with substantial brick garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,250

Pensnett



Bromley

A SUBSTANTIAL and DISTINCTIVE 'PERIOD' DETACHED FAMILY HOME retaining much of its original character and charm, offering INCREDIBLY GENEROUS and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation including TWO SEPARATE LARGE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, extremely well proportioned lounge, large separate dining room / sitting room, dining kitchen, pleasant garden room, study / potential utility, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, SUPERS LOFT (with stairs off landing), refitted bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With a small walled frontage, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVE / SECLUDED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950

SEDGLEY



Queens Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A Freehold, gas centrally heated, & UPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated in a well regarded district within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. Accommodation includes; reception hall, cloak, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

COSELEY



Kimberley Place

Enviably situated in short/safe quiet cul-de-sac just off Flamborough Way where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached occupying "end plot" with delightful expertly tended gardens. Accommodation includes; reception hall, kitchen, transverse living/dining room with bay store. Three double bedrooms (all with built-in wardrobes & principal bedroom with upgraded shower room en suite), upgraded bathroom. Garage. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

DUDLEY



Harvard Close

This modern style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family is situated in a cul-de-sac location and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, guest w.c. Three bedrooms (with en suite to master), bathroom with white suite. Garage, driveway and rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Bilston Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloak cupboard, L-shape lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy block paved gated drive, brick garage, well tended secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,000

Kingswinford**£12,450 REDUCTION**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, DETACHED BUNGALOW, delightfully situated upon sought after Blandford Mere, just a short walk from Stallings Lane shops, and now offering GREATLY ENLARGED and INCREDIBLY GENEROUS accommodation, enhanced by a DOUBLE GARAGE to the rear and internally comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge, extended / refitted kitchen with appliances, side veranda, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom and further separate W.C; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying delightful gardens upon three sides, including a good sized and beautifully laid out rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

£157,500**Pinewood Walk****SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character enviably situated within reasonable level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

WOODSETTON**Parkes Lane**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached set in quiet "backwater" being close to so many amenities. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes; entrance hallway, lounge, extended dining room, extended 'L' shape breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom. Garage (presently sub-divided to form a store, and a further utility room with toilet off). Low maintenance gardens, and tremendous DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950

LOWER GORNAL**The Straits**

OFFERS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL & occupying a fine corner plot in popular/ convenient neighbourhood, a gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached for improvement. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, store, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & BRICK GARAGE to side. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

SEDGLEY**Bath Street**

An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge with double opening doors out to the decking, extended refitted kitchen with an extensive range of units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £133,950

LOWER GORNAL**Ellowes Road**

Conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached former police house in established district. Accommodation includes; reception hall, dining room, lounge, upgraded kitchen with a range of 'oak' effect units, lobby, store, separate w.c. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Gated driveway to a large garden, TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. EPC Rating: D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,750

Kingswinford**£3,000 REDUCTION****Earlswood Road**

Very pleasantly located within this cul-de-sac address, just off Balfour Road, forming part of the very popular and highly sought after 'Blanford Mere' development, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a WELL PLANNED and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, full width Lounge, fitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom. With a lawned rear garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

£131,950**DUDLEY****Forest Road**

An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, refurbished & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached in convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation provides reception hall, pantry, sitting room, SUPERB LARGE DINING KITCHEN with a fine range of units acting as the 'hub of the house', three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, parking, good size secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,950

UPPER GORNAL**Redwood Avenue**

A conscientiously maintained & enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached with further potential in well regarded/convenient district. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, dining room, sitting room, kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Large (19'5" x 9'0" garage. Sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £123,950

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE****Manderston Close**

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated two bedroom semi detached home is situated in a well regarded cul de sac and may represent an ideal first time buy. The well presented property briefly comprises; stylish lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, guest WC, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £124,950, NOW £119,950

COSELEY**Cox Road**

A comparatively spacious, freehold, significantly modernised & improved, RECENTLY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached in relatively quiet 'backwater'. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & a large cupboard off. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & a shower, separate toilet, further stores. GARAGE (rear vehicular access), neat gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

COSELEY**Rounds Hill Road**

A comprehensively modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been transformed by present vendor in recent years. Situated within reasonable distance of bus/ rail transport routes & many other amenities, the stylish accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room (with double French doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two/three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden (kerb dropped) & good size rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in region of £99,950

Brierley Hill**Bank Street**

This deceptively spacious, Victorian style, majority Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM mid terrace property is situated in an established residential location, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge with Bay, Dining Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Shower Room, TWO FIRST FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, SECOND FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOM and Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£99,950**UPPER GORNAL****Priors Mill**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroom mid townhouse is available with no upward chain, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, lawned Gardens and secure parking to rear. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950

WOODSETTON**Roper Walk**

A uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), first floor flat enviably situated adjacent to and over looking adopted open space with DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation comprises reception hall, store, 17'3" living/ dining room, breakfast kitchen, double bedroom with wardrobes, bathroom, shared gardens and allocated parking. EPC Rating D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £71,950

NETHERTON**99 YEAR LEASE**

Appealing to the first time buyer is this beautifully presented and vastly improved one bedroomed first floor apartment which simply must be viewed. With gas central heating, double glazing and modern décor, the accommodation comprises: landing, large lounge, well fitted modern kitchen, white bathroom suite, large bedroom, communal gardens, and parking area. View early to avoid disappointment. 99 Year Lease (as of April 2014). EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£69,950**Windmill End****COSELEY****Yew Tree Lane**

70% SHARE FOR SALE. An attractive, stylish GROUND FLOOR, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed flat (in small block - just four dwellings) within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION and many other amenities. Vendors' 70% share available for sale (remaining 30% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental), individual front door to 19'4" lounge with well equipped kitchen section beyond (integrated oven, hob & filter) under stair store, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, ample parking, extensive lawned grounds. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers around £60,000 for vendor's 70% share.

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BRIKERLEY HILL THE GROVE

This superbly presented 2 Bed Detached provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOG accoom ideal for the young family and is pleasantly situated overlooking PLAYING FIELDS at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. Hall, Downs W.C., spacious Lounge, sep Dining Room, Conservatory, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Laundry/Utility, 4 good Bedrooms (master with superb REFITTED EN SUITE off), REFITTED BATHROOM with shower bath, Garage, pleasant well kept rear Gardens with south westerly aspect and driveway to the front.EPC=D

Offers around £239,950



QUARRY BANK COPPICE LANE

This attractive Traditional 2 Bed Detached provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accoom ideal for the discerning young family and is very conveniently positioned in this well known address. Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractively Fitted Kitchen, "L" shaped CONSERVATORY, 2 Good Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, Long Side Garage, Pleasant well kept Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Driveway to the front.EPC=F

Offers around £149,950



STOURBRIDGE BROOK STREET

This attractively presented, 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accoom ideal for the discerning First Time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated in the 'old quarter' of Stourbridge. Briefly comprises:- Lounge, REFITTED DINING KITCHEN, useful Cellar, 2 Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with shower and rear Gardens.EPC=BTC

Offers around £129,950



PENSNETT CORBYNS HALL ROAD

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular address, this attractively presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached provides well planned double glazed accoom which although requires cosmetic upgrading and improvement provides TREMENDOUS FURTHER POTENTIAL For the young family. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Lawned Front Garden.EPC=F

Offers around £114,950



BRIKERLEY HILL WALDRON AVENUE

This attractively presented 3 Bed Semi provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accoom ideal for the young family or First Time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Hall, Spacious Lounge, REFITTED KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, Downs W.C., 3 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant good sized Rear Gardens with pleasant southerly facing aspect and backing onto Canal and Black Paved Driveway to the Front.EPC=D

Offers around £107,500



WITHYMOOR VILLAGE ALDEFORD DRIVE

Enjoying a pleasant corner position in this ever popular address, this Modern 2 Bed Detached Bungalow provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accoom available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, attractively fitted Shower Room, pleasant good sized rear Gardens with westerly aspect, Garage to rear and driveway.EPC=D

Offers around £154,950



BRIKERLEY HILL DELPH ROAD

A delightfully planned, stylishly appointed Modern 2 Bed Detached Bungalow pleasantly situated off a private driveway, providing well planned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accoom ideal for the discerning couple and briefly includes: Porch/Hall, Attractive Lounge, ATTRACTIVE FITTED KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobe), CONSERVATORY, Attractive Shower Room, Pleasant Landscaped Rear Gardens for ease of maintenance and Driveway for 2 cars.EPC=D

Offers around £154,950



AMBLECOTE LARKSFIELD MEWS

This attractive Modern 2 Bed Intermediate Townhouse in this pleasant cul-de-sac. Just off Amblecote Road provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accoom ideal for the discerning young family or first time buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, STYLISHLY FITTED DINING KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, 2 Good Bedrooms (MASTER WITH SHOWER EN-SUITE OFF), Fitted House Bathroom, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with sunny aspect and Parking to the Front.EPC=C

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Retailers scoop top award

The teams at local Black Country dealerships, Dudley Motor Company, T Wall Kingswinford, Halesowen Motor House and Stourbridge Motor House are celebrating this month after scooping the award for 'Vauxhall's No1' in their car market area for 2013.

The retailers were recognised by Vauxhall as one of the top performing dealerships in the West Midlands, and general managers Rob Gilbert (Dudley Motor Company) and Kevin Leaver (T Wall Kingswinford), were presented with the award last month by Vauxhall regional manager, Mike Fleetwood.

Rob comments: "We are extremely proud to receive this award – we couldn't have achieved this without the hard work and enthusiasm of our team here and on the other sites, so I would just like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them for their dedication.

"To us, customer experience is very important and so we always want to make sure that all new or returning customers are able to approach any member of the team and are well looked after.

"We aim for our service to exceed expectations and so I'm keen to ensure there are many more years of satisfied Vauxhall customers to come – here's to what we hope will be another successful year!"

The local, family-run businesses have been trading for over 60 years and prides itself on offering top-quality customer care from Vauxhall-trained technicians and highly qualified staff.



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11 C3 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ Silver 22k	£8,295		
55 C4 1.6 SX Auto Blue 67k	£2,995	Other	
11 C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI VTR EGS Blue 21k	£10,495	60 Audi A3 1.6 Technik SE S/Bk Auto Grey 34k	£11,995
11 C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI VTR Grey 24k	£10,495	08 BMW 525i SE Auto 4dr Green 77k	£8,695
60 C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI VTR+ EGS Blue 45k	£9,495	57 Chevrolet Kalos 1.4 SX 5dr Grey 52k	£2,995
07 C6 2.7 HDI Lignage Auto Silver 80k	£6,495	03 Honda CRV 2.0 SE Sport Auto Blue 75k	£3,995
Ford		60 Kia Soul 1.6 Auto Silver 12k	£8,295
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09 Focus 1.6 Style Estate Grey 29k	£6,595	10 Mazda 2 1.3 TS 5dr Silver 7k	£6,995
09 Fusion 1.4 TDCI Zetec Blue 48k	£5,995	57 Mini Cooper 1.6 Chilli Pack Blue 62k	£7,495
Nissan		54 Mitsubishi L200 2.5TD 4Life 4WD Silver 73k	£4,995
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61 Note 1.5 DCI Tekna Caffe Latte 9k	£9,495		
08 Note 1.6 Acenta Auto Silver 48k	£4,995		
10 Note 1.6 N-Tec Auto Black 19k	£7,295		
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Top award for Honda Jazz

Honda's popular Jazz supermini has scooped the Most Reliable Used Car in the Auto Express Driver Power survey, with an impressive reliability score of 98 per cent.

Up 1.2 per cent on 2013, the British-built Honda Jazz climbed two places to take the top podium finish in this year's results.

The 2014 Auto Express Driver Power survey asked more than 50,000 car owners to rate their used cars in ten different categories including reliability, performance, road handling and practicality. The Honda Accord was also placed highly, with a score of 95 per cent, earning fourth place in the build quality category.

Philip Crossman, managing director, Honda (UK) said: "This is great news for Honda and a testament to the great cars we manufacture here in the UK. The Jazz has always been a strong performer in terms of reliability and the 2014 Auto Express Driver Power Survey award further reinforces the success of the car".

The Auto Express Driver Power Survey is Britain's most influential car reliability and satisfaction survey, with more than 50,000 customer and readers taking part in this year's poll. The survey reveals the top 150 cars, new and used, to own in 2014.

The award follows a string of recent successes for the Jazz and for Honda cars on the whole.

Honda Jazz variants took the two top spots in the 2013 Which? Car Survey Supermini Best Buy category. Owners placed three Jazz variants in the Supermini chart top ten, taking first and second with the current models. As a further boost, Honda cars feature prominently throughout the survey as being amongst the most reliable in their categories, with older and newer generations featuring alongside one another.

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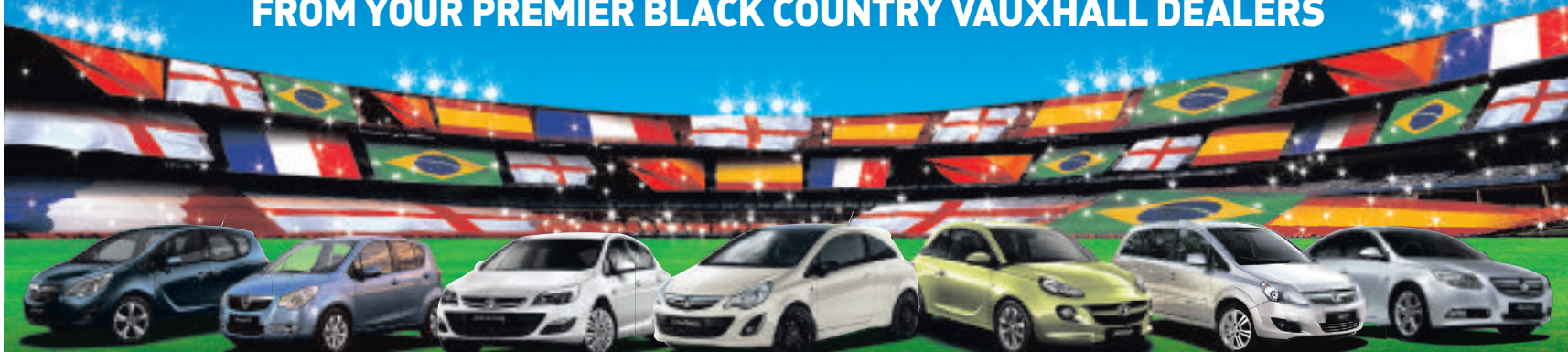
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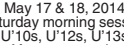
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to claim
the title**

Lye Town 9 Dudley Town 2
IN their final game of last season Lye Town suffered the agony of missing out on the title as they let the three points slip away as they lost to the Casuals.

They made no such mistake this time around, however, defeating Dudley Town 9-2 at home.

This meant that Lye were able to claim the points they needed to finally be crowned Champions of the West Midlands regional League.

Lye took charge of the game and were 3-0 up at half-time, thanks to goals from Ricky Anslow, James Spray and Scott Moore.

They ran riot in the second half as Dudley struggled to hold back the tide of blue shirts.

Anslow struck for his second a minute into the half and Matt Johnson quickly added Lye's fifth.

Just before the hour mark Anslow completed his hat-trick with a perfect chip shot over Dudley keeper, Luke Morton, from six yards to put Lye six goals up.

Dudley briefly staged a revival when Shaun Devonport struck two goals in two minutes but then Spray slotted home his second goal three minutes later.

Steve Weaver added the best goal of the night on 80 minutes before Anslow hit his fourth and Lye's ninth.

**Jackett wants
big support**

KENNY JACKETT says it's his ambition to keep 30,000 crowds at Wolves with good football.

Gates of 30,110 and 29,829 watched their last two home games as they stormed to the third-tier title with a string of records propelled by 17 wins out of the last 21 games.

Head coach Jackett wants to maintain the feelgood factor with 30,000 crowds the norm.

"We wanted to do well on Saturday so we have 30,000 people looking forward to next season," said Jackett.

"We want people saying: 'They're a good football side and we'll support them next season and we're looking forward to it.'"

"The crowd of 30,000 will only react off what they see on the pitch."

He is keen to maintain the restored connection between fans and players.

IT'S ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

**Fans are
thanked
by Jody**

JODY Craddock thanked the thousands of fans for turning up for his testimonial on an emotional day at Molineux.

A crowd of 9,095 watched Craddock's former Wolves and Sunderland Championship-winning teams of 2009 and 1999 respectively do friendly battle on Monday.

And the players cast his was as impressive as the attendance as current Wolves players Carl Ikeme, Richard Stearman, George Elokobi and Dave Edwards joined forces with old teammates Craddock, Christophe Berra, Seyi Olofinjana and Sylvan Ebanks-Blake.

Ex-Black Cats stars included Kevin Phillips, Niall Quinn, Kevin Kilbane, Thomas Sorensen and Gavin McCann, while Craddock and Alex Rae turned out for both sides.

"It was great - there was a fantastic turnout," said Craddock.

The major beneficiary is Birmingham Children's Hospital, where the Craddocks' son Toby is still receiving treatment for leukaemia but it will take a few weeks to work out how much the game raised.

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**Friendlies for
Smith's squad**

THE Saddlers have confirmed two more pre-season friendly fixtures - as they will twice head to Devon.

Dean Smith's men will face Calor League outfit Taunton Town on Wednesday July 16, before travelling to Torquay United - relegated from League Two this season - three days later on Saturday July 19.

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketterley, Telford, Thursday, May 8



Lee Evans lifts the League One trophy surrounded by his team mates after his side's final match in the division in which Wolves beat Carlisle 3-0

Wolves 3 Carlisle 0

A PERFECT performance to round off a perfect day and a perfect season.

The perfect man for the job - Kenny Jackett - got his wish as Wolves finished with a bang.

In fact, in keeping with the meticulous planner that he is, it couldn't have gone much better if he had written the script himself.

He probably wouldn't have wanted to have got drenched in champagne while suited and booted, but he and his players have earned the right to celebrate this momentous season which the fans just didn't want to end.

It is difficult to imagine a man happier in his work or more comfortable in his sur-

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roundings. What a difference a year makes. It all seemed a long way off on that wind-swept Friday night when they lost 1-0 at Gillingham. But Wolves haven't looked back since, winning a staggering 17 out of 21 games and losing just once.

Victories

Six club milestones have fallen to Jackett's side, but on Saturday they were able to add two national ones to the consecutive wins, most overall wins, most away victories, most clean sheets, most points and fewest away goals conceded. That record points tally for the third tier and a 25th shutout in the league, which is the best ever at this level.

Carlisle boss Graham Kavanagh said his team played with fear, and there was a feel-

ing that they were mere cannon fodder for a rampant Wolves side who oozed confidence and class.

No one emphasised that more than captain Sam Ricketts; the skipper chose the final game of the season to produce arguably his best game for the club. Not only did he score for the second successive home game, his sweeping left-foot drive from the edge of the box putting Wolves ahead in the fifth minute, but he was a constant threat down the right.

Twice in the first half he set up Nouha Dicko, the latter when he was picked out for a golden chance when he arrived unmarked on the edge of the six-yard box only to blaze over on the volley.

By then Michael Jacobs had headed the second on 23 minutes, producing a majestic leap to nod home off the post after Scott Golbourne's cross from the left had been allowed to bounce on the edge of the six-yard

box. Dicko had another chance seven minutes after the break but headed inches wide from Golbourne's cross. But three minutes later he finally got on the scoresheet when he lashed home after Golbourne's shot from Kevin McDonald's pull-back had been parried by Jordan Pickford.

Lashing

Like many others, this 31st victory of the season could have been more emphatic, with Lee Evans lashing over, Ricketts seeing another shot blocked and substitute James Henry inches away with a curling effort. But it didn't matter. Wolves have breezed through League One with plenty to spare.

And there is such a positive feeling around the place that a second successive promotion challenge might not be as fanciful as it seems to some.

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